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## Alumni Welcome Conference Center to be renamed

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The UW System will repay debts owed by the UW Oshkosh Foundation in exchange for ownership of the Alumni Welcome and Conference Center and the Witzel Avenue biodigester, according to the Foundation's reorganization plan.

The plan, filed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court on Feb. 1, laid out the Foundation's plans to reorganize under Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings.

The filing comes after the Foundation and the Board of Regents came to a \$6.3 million settlement in December.

According to the settlement, Craig Culver, co-founder of the Culver's franchise and 1973 UWO alumnus, will gain the naming rights to the AWCC in exchange for a \$2 million donation to the UWO Foundation.

UWO will also pay the UW System \$3.8 million over the

next 20 years, according to the settlement terms.

In a statement released by the UW System, UWO Chancellor Andrew Leavitt said, "We look forward to working together again to support UW Oshkosh, the region and the citizens of Wisconsin. I thank our partners in the UW Oshkosh Foundation for joining with the University in renewing a spirit of trust, service and philanthropy as we support the experiences and journeys of our students."

Leavitt declined to comment when contacted by the Advance-Titan.

Foundation Chairman Timothy Mulloy said transferring ownership of the AWCC and biodigester to the UW System won't affect the day-to-day operations of those facilities because they were already managed by the University.

"The intent always was, especially on the Welcome Center, that it would become an asset of the University ultimately," Mulloy said. "So,

that's being accomplished now through this process."

Despite the property's transfer of ownership, the Foundation can continue operating inside of the AWCC, according to the reorganization plan.

"The [UW] System shall provide support staff as it reasonably and customarily has done in the past, and the parties agree that they will work cooperatively to continue the fundraising operations of the debtor [UWO Foundation]," the reorganization plan said.

The plan also said the Foundation will operate independently of the University and will work to negotiate a merger with the Titan Alumni Foundation, which was launched in fall as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization led by a volunteer board of directors.

Mulloy said in order to eliminate conflicts of interest, future Foundation CEOs will be hired by the board of directors and will not be Uni-

versity employees.

"We'll still get support from the University in terms of some admin and things like that," Mulloy said. "But everybody thought it was best moving forward to have a CEO who reports to the board rather than the chancellor."

Mulloy said leaders from the UWO Foundation and the Titan Alumni Foundation met Monday to discuss bringing their organizations together.

"Obviously, the intent is to benefit the school, and we want to eliminate donor confusion in 'where should I direct my money?'" Mulloy said. "If you merge into one Foundation, it takes away those kinds of questions. There's no sense in having expenses of two Foundations at the same time."

The UWO Foundation paid \$500,000 in legal fees using revenue from the Witzel Avenue biodigester, its hotel interests and management fees from its endowment.



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Pictured above is the UWO AWCC, built in 2014.

"We've paid all of the legal expenses and expenses related to the bankruptcy out of those revenue sources," Mulloy said. "We have not used any donor money."

Former UWO Chancellor Richard Wells and former Vice Chancellor Thomas Sonnleitner are facing felony misconduct in office charges

in Winnebago County Circuit Court for pledging the University's financial support if the Foundation could not cover the debt of the building projects. According to Wisconsin Circuit Court Access, they will next appear in court for a status conference on April 2.



JORDYN SCHRAEDER/ADVANCE-TITAN

UW Oshkosh staff worked hard to remove the snow from sidewalks, streets, etc. around campus on Tuesday, Feb. 12 when the University closed due to snow.

## UWO closes twice in the first two weeks of spring semester

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Due to unsafe driving conditions on Feb. 7 and 11, classes and events on all three UW Oshkosh campuses were canceled, meaning that classes have not met on two of the seven days the semester has been in session.

While many students seemed to enjoy frolicking in the snow on their day off, these snow days pose a unique challenge for course schedules, specifically the classes that meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Classes were canceled on Feb. 7 due to unsafe driving conditions resulting

from the wintry mix of precipitation the area received. On Tuesday, the city of Oshkosh declared a snow emergency after receiving between eight and 12 inches of snow throughout the day. A winter storm warning was issued both days.

UWO senior Tristin Terry said she was excited to have a snow day but shared concerns with missing classes.

"I am always happy to have a day off, but my three-hour class was canceled, which technically means that we missed a week of class," Terry said. "This is my final semester and I am taking a 400-level class. I am worried that I will be missing out on vital information

or that we will end up cramming more content into each class since it was canceled."

UWO senior public relations major Mariah Heyden explained that students in the public relations campaigns class face a similar struggle.

"Our public relations campaigns class is only in session for seven weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and we are working with a real-life client," Heyden said. "Having two snow days on the days we meet for class has greatly impacted our work days and overall campaign. It will definitely be crunch time when we get back in action in our next classroom meeting, but I guess that's

the thrill of it all."

Geology professor Eric Hiatt's sedimentary petrology class that meets once a week was canceled on Thursday. Hiatt does not plan to cut content from his course schedule, as he uses D2L to keep classes on track.

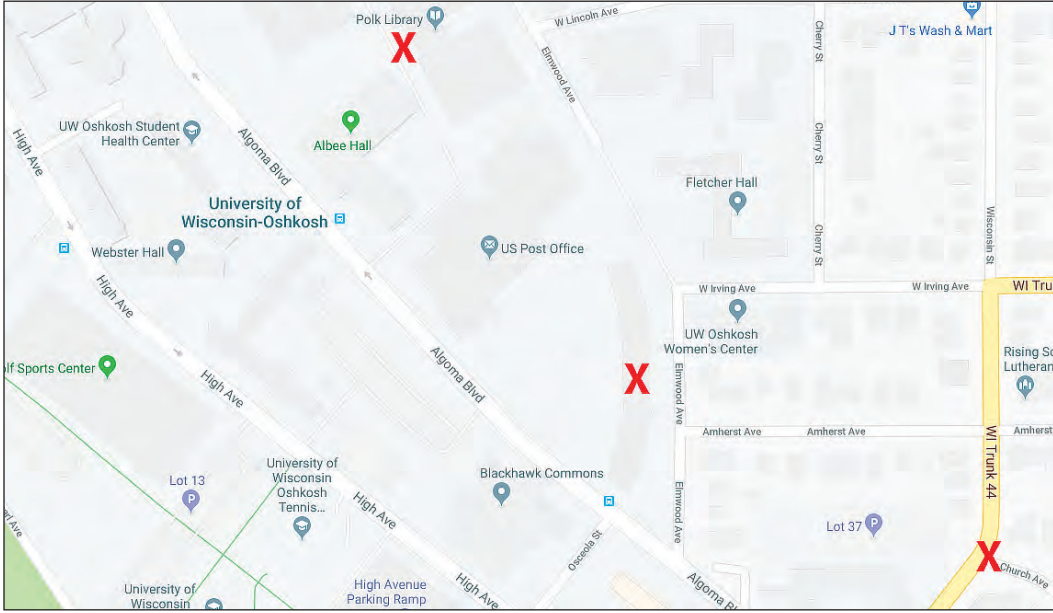
"I don't remember having so many snow days over the 19 years that I've been at the University," Hiatt said. "I like snow days because I can work on my research with my students."

The UWO facilities management staff has worked around the clock to clear sidewalks and parking lots to make traveling on campus safe. On Tuesday, the maintenance team began snow re-

moval at 2 a.m. and ended around 4 p.m. The University also asked for students to volunteer to remove snow around the Rec Plex.

Terry said she thinks lives are more important than forcing students to try to get to class in bad weather conditions.

"The professors, staff and commuting students didn't have to choose between their safety and making it to campus thanks to UWO canceling," Terry said. "I really appreciate the diligence shown by the school taking care of their students and the maintenance crew for working so hard to make campus safe for us."



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Pictured are the areas where crimes were reported during winter break.

## Titan Alerts during winter break

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From early December to Jan. 25, three criminal incidents occurred on or close to campus including five males involved in a battery, a male who exposed his genitals at Polk Library and a U.S. Postal Service employee who stole cash and gift cards from student mail.

According to Crime Prevention and Public Information Officer Katherine Mann, on Jan. 25 at 11:55 p.m., five males battered a man on the corner of Church Ave. and Wisconsin St.

According to the Titan Alert, one of the suspects mentioned having a gun, but it was not dis-

played.

One of the suspects was described as wearing a Tommy Hilfiger jacket and the vehicle was described as a black SUV with an Appleton North High School sticker on the rear windshield.

Mann said one of the males who the officers had spoken with had a minor visible injury.

"When officers interviewed the individuals involved in this disturbance, they all stated that they didn't want to press any charges," Mann said.

According to a UW Oshkosh Titan Alert, on Dec. 12 at 2:30 a.m., a male exposed his genitals to a female student on the third

floor of Polk Library. Two similar incidents occurred on Nov. 18 and on Oct. 1 outside of Polk Library.

All three incidents describe the suspect as a black, 5'10" male in his mid-20s. On Dec. 12, the suspect was described as wearing all black clothes with clean, new hiking boots. In the Nov. 18 incident, the suspect was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt under a blue fleece, light blue jeans, black tennis shoes and carrying a black backpack.

University Police Detective Michael Bartlein said he believes the suspect's motive is





LEFT: The Tsachilas de Santa Domingo tribe in Ecuador make hair color out of water and achiote, a crushed up seed. TOP RIGHT: Breanna Hooyman poses with her classmates in Belize. BOTTOM RIGHT: UWO student Katherine Pietrzykowski poses at Materuni Waterfall with her classmates in Tanzania.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF GRACE BEGOTKA, BREANNA HOOYMAN AND KATHERINE PIETRZYKOWSKI

# Students share study abroad stories from winter break

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With UW Oshkosh’s study abroad program, many students have traveled around the world, learning more about culture and expanding their knowledge on a variety of topics. Four students shared their experiences, favorite moments and advice from their trips over winter break.

### Tanzania

UWO junior and psychology major Katherine Pietrzykowski went to Tanzania. There, she took animal observation courses to see what she needed to look out for on safaris.

“I learned so much about how animals behave and why,” Pietrzykowski said. “I also learned about different cultures.”

Pietrzykowski said the trip helped expand her cultural knowledge and her love for traveling.

“My favorite part of studying abroad was meeting all different kinds of people,” Pietrzykowski said. “Studying abroad opened

my eyes to so many things. I will never forget it.”

### Belize

Dual early childhood education major and fifth-year student Breanna Hooyman went to the island of San Pedro in Belize Jan. 5-13, taking Special Education 308 or Special Education in Central America, while on the trip. Hooyman said she decided to take the opportunity to travel to a different country because studying abroad had always been on her bucket list.

“I am a huge homebody but knew that college was about pushing myself outside my comfort zone,” Hooyman said. “I had never been out of the country nor been on a plane, so I knew this nine-day study abroad program would be perfect for me.”

Hooyman said putting what she learned during her short time in Belize into words was challenging. She said she learned that there is another world out there and it has great diversity, which is what makes it our

world.

“I learned that the Belize culture may not be rich in money but they are rich in love and kindness,” Hooyman said. “They have such an amazing and welcoming community. The people, specifically the staff at the American Crocodile Education Sanctuary (the school we worked at), were people who didn’t come from a lot of money, but they had the biggest hearts.”

### Ecuador

Sophomore kinesiology and Spanish major Grace Begotka traveled to Quito and Cotacachi, Ecuador Jan. 3-17 for Quest III: Migration, Culture and Human Rights in the Americas. She said she took the course for the different opportunities it offered her, such as practicing Spanish, while also learning a different way of life and how materialistic our society in the United States is.

“One of the major concepts that I learned about was how to communicate with people and to get over a language barrier,”

Begotka said.

Begotka said her favorite part about studying abroad was getting to travel within Ecuador to see the different sites and visit the indigenous tribes.

“It was humbling to see how they live and mind blowing at the same time,” Begotka said. “Their knowledge of the plants and their different applications are incredible. They can heal almost any sickness naturally, and this really amazed me because at home we would take a pill to ‘cure’ a cold, whereas they would brew a tea.”

### Los Angeles

Junior radio/TV/film and theatre major Martin Bauer went to Los Angeles Jan. 13-25 for the Radio/TV/Film 399 class where he networked with alumni who lived and worked in the media industry there.

“I learned a great deal about the practicalities of working in the media industry as well as about the City of Los Angeles itself,” Bauer said.

Bauer said his favorite part of

the trip was growing closer to his classmates.

“After spending two weeks with the same people, experiencing a new place and learning together, it creates a close bond that is hard to create otherwise,” Bauer said.

### Advice

Hooyman said she would encourage other students to study abroad because it is a life-changing experience.

“It’s experiences like this that really puts your life into perspective,” Hooyman said. “Material items become meaningless, and memories become priceless. The memories you form during your time abroad will last you a lifetime.”

Begotka said doing research on where you’re going is a good idea as well as being open-minded and flexible.

“Everything is so much more enjoyable if you don’t have expectations,” Begotka said. “Put down your phone and look up around you. You can only see so much through a lens, and you

probably don’t need a picture of every street you walk on.”

Bauer said his advice for students thinking about studying abroad is to just do it.

“Don’t worry about the money, the time, the distance; just do it,” Bauer said. “It will be an experience you will keep with you for a very long time.”

Pietrzykowski said she will never forget the trip she took.

“Studying abroad opened my eyes to so many things,” Pietrzykowski said.

### How to study abroad:

To learn more about the Study Abroad Program and what it has to offer, visit the Office of International Education at Dempsey Hall 202, email [ABROAD@uwosh.edu](mailto:ABROAD@uwosh.edu), call at (920) 424-0775 and check out the Spring Study Abroad Fair Feb. 27 from noon-4 p.m. in the Reeve Union Ballrooms.

## Biannual Study Abroad Fair offers opportunities

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The Office of International Education and other UW schools will help students choose which study abroad trip they might want to go on during the biannual UW Oshkosh Study Abroad Fair.

The Study Abroad Fair will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 27 in the Reeve Union Ballroom, offering more than 80 trips from all around the world. Students can travel to places including Germany, Ireland, Japan and more.

Office of International Education Intern Bryan Gross said the study abroad fair offers trips for all students, even if they are questioning studying abroad.

“If you’re kind of feeling like you want to study abroad and you’re not 100 percent sure, you can see all the trips that we offer,” Gross said.

Gross also said that the fair offers trips for students of all majors.

“If you really just want to get out and study something in your major, we basically offer a class for every major,” Gross said.

UWO student Shannon Goltz said there are many opportunities for students to go on trips even if they aren’t available at certain times of the year.

“There were different trips whether they were a full semester or three weeks for a summer trip,” Goltz said. “They had all different options for times.”

UWO student Ally Golata, who studied abroad in London, said the professors for her trips were very knowledgeable about the trips and that they often let students explore on their own.

“I really liked how you could go at your own pace for things,” Golata said. “It was nice to do stuff that isn’t in the typical itinerary.”

Golata said that she highly recommends studying abroad to every student even if it’s something that they might not be interested in at first.

“I feel like no other experience will really match it,” Golata said. “You can vacation on your own, but you’ll never have the amazing resource of a professor that’s just so knowledgeable and passionate about the place that you’re going to.”

## Regional news: history of access campuses

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Students at UW-Fox Valley and UW-Fond Du Lac officially became UW Oshkosh students at the start of the 2018 fall semester after the UW System restructured its campuses.

University Archivist Joshua Ranger said the restructuring has deep roots in University history.

“The idea of attaching the [two-year] colleges to universities was an idea that had been discussed for decades,” Ranger said. “This was always an idea. In 1971 when they tried to create a single colleges system, one of the ideas was let’s attach them each to a four-year campus and administer them as a branch campus.”

Ranger said the access campuses originated as part of an extension program where UW Madison would offer entry-level college courses in communities across the state.

“This came in the early part of the 20th century, this idea of the Wisconsin Idea, the boundaries of the University should be the boundaries of the state,” Ranger

said. “You shouldn’t be forced to come to Madison to learn about agriculture, about new forms of industry or about history or literature for that matter.”

According to Ranger, Fond Du Lac and Menasha both started offering the extension program during the Great Depression. Fond Du Lac began its extension program in 1933, while Menasha started in 1938 at a local high school.

Ranger said during the Depression young people had no job prospects after graduating high school, which caused the extension program to expand across the state.

“At the Extension centers, like those at Fond du Lac and Menasha, enrollees could typically select from two or three freshman subjects each semester, including English, history, geography or Spanish,” Ranger said. “Some faculty lived in the communities around the state, but most were circuit riders driving out of their homes in Madison.”

Ranger said during World War II, many of the extension centers closed, including those of Menasha and

Fond Du Lac.

“The youth problem is solved, there’s war work for people, for women, for men who might be a little too old, and then a lot of the men went into the military,” Ranger said. “Suddenly you didn’t need as many of those programs, and a lot of them closed.”

Ranger said the 1944 GI Bill of Rights, which gave veterans the opportunity to pursue a higher education, caused many of the extension centers, including Menasha and Fond Du Lac, to re-open.

“What was really important to Veterans [is that they] were guys who never thought they were college material had this chance to test the waters, to get access to college education before making a big decision or a big investment to move to another community to continue,” Ranger said.

According to Ranger, most of the post-war extension centers were intended to be temporary, and, after influx of veterans from the GI Bill, many of the centers, including Fond Du Lac closed.

“Menasha, however, re-

mained in operation, offering both freshmen and sophomore courses,” Ranger said. “In 1957, the school moved out of the high school.”

Fond Du Lac opened in 1968 as an extension of the Wisconsin State University System and was administratively connected to WSU Oshkosh (UWO), Ranger said.

“While attached to the State University System, the Fond du Lac Center was very much like the two-year campuses administered by the UW Center System,” Ranger said.

The UW System merged with the WSU system in 1971, and Fond Du Lac was decoupled from Oshkosh, Ranger said.

“From merger until the early 1980s the ground under the centers’ [UW two-year schools] feet never seemed too steady,” Ranger said. “The centers were particularly susceptible to demographic changes.”

One of the students who went to UWFDL post-merger was Joseph D. Tasch, who said he attended UWFDL



Programs & benefits subject to change



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Drink dairy milk and help out our local farming families

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Imagine waking up at 4 a.m. to milk hundreds of cows, repeating it at 4 p.m., and starting over the next day, 365 days a year. This is the life of many people in the dairy industry. Today, dairy farmers are making little to no money because of the rising demand for almond milk. I grew up in a small, rural town surrounded by many farms. I had multiple connections to dairy farmers through friends and family, but I never thought about how the declining demand for cow’s milk was affecting their lives, until now.

A dear friend’s family owns a dairy farm. He had never expressed how the declining demand for cow’s milk was affecting his family until one day he said, “Almost all farmers are in debt at least some point during their lives and my family is struggling right now.” It truly opened my eyes. I never considered what dairy farmers must go through when the prices of not only their milk, but also their crops, drop or when people simply stop purchasing their products.

The introduction to almond milk caused a major peak of interest for usual milk shoppers. As people began purchasing almond milk instead of cow’s milk, the demand for cow’s milk dropped greatly. Farmers who were once making a decent

living off cow’s milk are now making little to no money at all. I used to purchase almond milk just because it was the new, popular item in the market. I had seen YouTubers use it in smoothies, saying it was healthier than cow’s milk. I never bothered to do any research; instead, I just began purchasing almond milk. I have no lactose intolerance and have always liked cow’s milk, but I still began purchasing almond milk anyway. I told my friend that I liked almond milk because it tastes sweeter, and he became angry. I didn’t understand why until recently. His family - and many other farming families - are being directly affected by the decrease in demand for cow’s milk.

As college students, it is easy to purchase almond milk simply because it lasts longer or tastes sweeter. Almond milk became a popular purchase for vegans and those who are lactose intolerant. Those who like the taste of cow’s milk but buy almond milk because it’s the popular thing are hurting the lives of many dairy farmers.

Workers in the dairy industry are also at risk of their income declining. I urge you to think about how much work goes into making cow’s milk. Think about the time, effort and costs that go into the production of the milk you are setting aside for no reason other than because almond milk is today’s hot commodity.

Call to action to commuters: Stick around campus longer and study

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It’s a common trend if you are studying economics at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh that the “parking issue” will rear its ugly head in discussions. It often comes up when teaching supply and demand, and comes as a result of the many commuters (myself included) who attend the University each semester and take up the limited supply of parking spaces.

Commuting does have its downsides though, especially if you’re outside of the 20-or-so-mile radius. The justification to go back home can be very easy after your classes are complete and the chances are low of you coming back to campus after

your journey home.

I want to make a call-to-action to any commuters, especially new commuters who read this — try to stick around campus if you don’t have any pressing matters. Utilize the refrigerator system in the commuter lounge if you pack a lunch and try out a local establishment occasionally. It’s important to support local businesses in your campus community! It can also be beneficial to grades. A New York Times article on study practices cited research showing that students with varying degrees of stimuli during their studies have better recall on tests. So bolster the economies of the small town where your University is located, and get better grades while doing so!

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Campus counseling services questioned

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The UW Oshkosh Counseling Center offers free mental health services to students, but is it enough?

Several students have said mental health services are lacking on campus and UWO needs to take a more proactive approach to addressing students’ mental health needs.

However, the Counseling Center’s Outreach Coordinator Kris Campbell said that the Counseling Center offers a variety of mental health services that are available for students to utilize and that mental health is a nationwide crises, not just a crisis at UWO.

The center offers individual counseling, therapy groups, wellness workshops, substance use services, student success coaching, bystander intervention training and more.

Multimedia journalism major Leo Costello said that he attended both individual and group therapy at the Counseling Center and found the individual therapy more helpful.

“I tried the group therapy, but it wasn’t for me,” he said. “It felt like a waste of time, more of like a camp experience.”

However, Campbell said group therapy can help students understand they are not alone with the issues they deal with.

“A lot of the issues our clients deal with are issues that all humans deal with to one degree or another,” she said. “I think it’s more powerful hearing ideas and experiences from their peers than from older adults.”

The center offers many different types of therapy groups that meet weekly and serve different needs, Campbell said.

Group therapy allows students to relate more with other students, she said. “It’s a support that they can count on each week at the same time, the same day. Students engage in experiences together and practice skills

together so they really feel a deeper sense of connection with others. That’s very beneficial.”

Campbell said the center also offers two wellness workshops each day.

“We also have a couple of relaxation rooms that they can use to practice mindfulness skills, relaxation and ways to regulate their emotions,” she said. “We have two different biofeedback programs so they can utilize biofeedback. We also have animal-assisted therapy and restorative yoga is offered once a week.”

Campbell said the center also offers meaningful experience retreats that take place for different issues such as grief and anxiety.

“We also have student success coaching, which is a service that can help students improve how they do academically,” she said. In addition, the center offers alcohol and other drug abuse programs, often used by students who have been sanctioned for a substance abuse issue.

The center employs 10 counselors, three interns working on their master’s degree in counseling and two practicum students.

Costello said that when he visited the center he didn’t always see the same counselor.

“There were a couple times where the person who was helping me left,” he said, noting that it is inconvenient and time consuming to restart with a new counselor.

Campbell said that of the 10 permanent counselors, there are a couple who have contracts with the University for less than a year. In addition, interns have to re-apply to work at the Counseling Center each semester.

UWO communications major Rachel Ryan said she has not visited the Counseling Center but she thought that switching counselors each semester could be frustrating to students.

“You get comfortable with people and you want to keep talking to them and then you have to start over with

someone new,” she said. “It would be hard to break that barrier and feel comfortable.”

UWO biology major At-lantis Moser said she knew UWO has a Counseling Center, although she has never used any of the Counseling Center’s services. She said she believes students who are receiving counseling would much rather have the same counselor each semester.

“Why would I come back if I had to start all over again?” Moser questioned.

Ryan said she believes that UWO could do more to address students’ mental health issues. “Mental health is definitely a problem on campus.”

Campbell acknowledged that mental health is a problem on campus and nationwide.

“Mental health problems seem to be increasing and the need for services is definitely increasing, but I do think more people are readily accessing services when they are having problems, which is a positive,” Campbell said. “But there is no doubt that there has been more utilization of mental health services, and it seems that more people are having struggles in the area of mental health.”

Ryan said she believes that not enough students are aware of the Counseling Center.

“I know that there is a Counseling Center, but no one talks about it,” she said. “It’s basically buried.”

Costello said he learned about the Counseling Center from his parents and he thinks that professors should make students aware of the Counseling Center and the services offered.

“Just having a professor tell a student that the counseling services are available is a really powerful thing because it’s the professor letting the student know that they are aware of their struggles,” Costello said. “A professor reaching out can mean a lot.”

Moser said the center needs to advertise more.

“They could hold special events or send out emails,” she said. “If you don’t know the Counseling Center is there, how can you use the services?”

Campbell said that the center currently advertises in a variety of ways including emails, CampusVision slides and presentations for classrooms and other groups.

“We are out at tabling events dispersing information about ways we can all improve our mental health. We have posters and banners across campus,” she said. “You can also find that on our Instagram and Facebook accounts we have launched another campaign that is targeted at anxiety, which is the top issue that our students struggle with.”

Campbell said students can call or stop in to schedule an appointment and most intake appointments are scheduled within a week or two.

“We go through some triage questions with students to determine when best to schedule them and how urgent the issues are that need to be addressed,” she says. “The assessment is to determine what the goals and needs are, and then a treatment plan is developed on how to best address those issues to achieve their goals.”

Campbell said if a student is struggling, it is important that they seek help from supportive people in their lives who can help them on their journey. “But the Counseling Center is a great place to start.”

The Center helps a lot of students on limited resources. So if you’re stressed, feeling anxious or struggling with depression, reach out and ask for help. You won’t be alone.

The Counseling Center, 750 Elmwood Ave., is located in the Student Success Center and is open 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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## Comedian thrills in first show of spring semester

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Comedian Eric O’Shea visited the Reeve Union Ballroom Feb. 6 for the first Reeve Union Board sponsored event of the spring semester. O’Shea is widely known for his “commercials” routine, which, according to his web-site, brought in nearly 4 million views on YouTube and praise from legendary film producer Steven Spielberg. O’Shea is a Marquette University graduate who majored in sports broadcasting. Shortly thereafter, O’Shea ditched the broadcasting booth for 25 years of touring college campuses as a comedian. Over 5,000 college campuses nationwide voted for O’Shea in 2007 for “The National College Comedian of the Year” award, which he has been nominated for six times since, according to his web-site. RUB program adviser Dylan Bram spoke as the voice of the event for event. Bram was also the person who recruited O’Shea to come to UWO after seeing him and being impressed by his performance at the National Asso-

ciation for Campus Activities convention. Bram said he and his 10 colleagues were delighted by O’Shea’s routine at the convention and thought he would be a great fit for the UWO students. “We all thought he was very clean, really friendly, really clever, creative and just fresh — original,” Bram said. O’Shea took the stage in a red Sriracha hot sauce T-shirt, faded blue jeans, no belt and a pair of bright blue Puma shoes. He immediately made cracks at the “balmy” Wisconsin weather. UWO freshman Hailey Holm referred to the comedians she used to watch in high-school and the differences between them and O’Shea. “In high school, when we had comedians come in, they were usually really mellow, but this was more of our humor, more adult humor,” Holm said. “He was really funny.” UWO freshman Lizzie Gowin said her favorite part of the routine was the end when O’Shea paired famous pop song lyrics with ironic television commercials like Viagra. “I also really liked when he did the arm thing,” Gow-



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Comedian Eric O’Shea has won awards and praise from Stephen Spielberg for his “commercials” routine.

in said, referring to O’Shea’s loose skin flapping in the air as he’d lift his arms up and down, which O’Shea said is a recent development and byproduct of old age. O’Shea said he has enjoyed his journey on the road, touring college campuses, and that he averages 70 schools a year.

He said he enjoys doing shows at college campuses more than at comedy clubs. “I like talking to students about what makes them happy and I enjoy taking the bullet for them up here as the dorky guy,” O’Shea said. O’Shea said his routine is observational.

“I always consider myself as more of a performer than I am a comedian,” O’Shea said. “There are a lot of guys who are really great with words; I think I’m more of an entertainer.” O’Shea said the UWO students made him think more than usual.

“It’s fun to be the youngest guy in the room for once, mentally,” O’Shea said. “The students were on an intellectual level, and it’s fun to be silly and let them laugh. When they laugh, they let go of what they are worried about, it was fun to see them let go.”

## Students share stories about their time between semesters



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Students are back to their studies after a seven-week break between semesters.

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UW Oshkosh students are back on campus after a nearly two-month break between the fall and spring semesters. UWO and UW-Parkside are the only UW system schools that enjoy the luxury of a seven-week break between semesters, UW system’s academic calendar shows. For the last time, UWO students were able to participate in a free three-week winter interim course over the long break. Students who did not partake in the inter-

im course left campus for a variety of reasons; some worked while some lounged, and others caught up with friends and family. For graduating UWO senior Amelia Gonzales, the break offered a chance for a family reunion. Gonzales said her family hadn’t had a reunion celebration in nearly five years and that she was excited about the opportunity to get back together. Gonzales said the family reunion spanned over a week and that the family count neared 50. She said she was also involved in another family union. “I helped stage a proposal for my cousin

and her boyfriend of five years, and now they’re getting married,” Gonzales said. In all, Gonzales said the trip was a great time, and the family was able to take a new group photo in picturesque Door County. Gonzales laughed when she spoke about the convoy of cars carrying the 50 family members from Green Bay to Door County for the picture. Gonzales now spends the spring semester preparing for graduation, working at the Women’s Center and helping out around campus where help is needed. Gonzales will graduate with a degree in social work. UWO student Alyssa Bates said she spent her time off-campus remodeling her mom’s kitchen with her step dad. “That was pretty cool, trying to help him out with making cabinets and things like that,” Bates said. Bates said she also spent her time away from campus working at Walmart in Appleton, where she has worked in addition to De Pere’s Walmart for the past four years. Bates said she works in customer service for Walmart and said she hopes to move up to customer service manager soon. Bates said she did not watch the low-scoring Super Bowl game but doesn’t mind watching football when she can. “I was going to watch it, but my boyfriend was coming back from a weekend vacation, and I wanted to spend the time with him,” Bates said. UWO freshman Rachael Luedtke said she celebrated five Christmases over break. “Well, my family had three, and I spent two with my boyfriend’s family,” Luedtke said. Luedtke said she received mostly kitchen supplies, which was beneficial because she enjoys cooking. Luedtke also spent her time at home working at an American-style restaurant in

Waupaca, her hometown. Luedtke will spend the spring semester taking classes for her anthropology and social science degrees. University police Lt. Trent Martin said campus was quiet over break, but officers took advantage of the slow time to make sure buildings were operating correctly. “Over break, the biggest thing we focus on is the safety of the buildings,” Martin said. Martin said the same Safewalk and Saferide programs are offered during the spring semester and encourages students to become familiar with the new transit route program. “It’s a bus service that runs down to main street, around campus housing area and back on to campus,” Martin said. “It’s a continued route on Friday and Saturday night from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.” Martin said the bus route is operated by community service officers who are in direct contact with the department. Martin said the route offers another option for students to safely get from one destination to another. Martins said in addition to the safe route programs, University Police are encouraged by the new features on the UWO Mobile Safe Light app; he advises students to check out the new features. Martin said he also hopes students to get to know the officers in the police department and to get involved with events like Coffee with a Cop, which was held Feb. 13. Martin said he is looking forward to spring, but said students should remain prepared. “The winter is not over with, and we are still dealing with frigid weather and students should continue to dress appropriately,” Martin said.

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from 1975 to 1977 before transferring to UWO, where he graduated in 1980. “I was the first in my family to attend college,” Tasch said. “This local campus gave me the opportunity to get the college experience and gain credits at a much-reduced cost. It was and continues to be a valuable asset to the community.” Stephen Seifert attended UWFV pre-merger from 1968 to 1969 before transferring to Madison where he graduated with a law degree.

“It [UWFV] was a different atmosphere; people have jobs, some are nontraditional students and have families,” Seifert said. Ranger said UWO merging with UWFV and UWF-DL makes sense because it’s responded to the same demographic changes since the 1930s. “I like to think that our campus has evolved a lot over the years, from a teacher training institution only to this fully comprehensive University, and now a full three-campus University seems like a natural evolution to us,” Ranger said.

### Upcoming Events

- February 14**  
4:30-5:30 p.m. — Getting to the HEART of Black History: A Valentine’s Day Special Event, Reeve Union Room 220.
- February 18**  
6-8 p.m. — Dear White People: Doubling Down on Identity and Race, Sage Hall, Room 1216. Based on the acclaimed 2014 film “Dear White People.”
- February 19**  
11 a.m.-4 p.m. — Red Cross Blood Drive, Gruenhagen Conference Center, Badger State Room. Walk-ins welcome.
- February 20**  
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Workshop Wednesday: Financial Wellness with Peter Bielas, Reeve Union 212. Learn successful strategies to stress less about money.
- 5-7 p.m. — UW Oshkosh Black Alumni Networking Symposium, Reeve Union, Room 202.

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# Titans take fourth at WIAC championship

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The UW Oshkosh wrestling Team is hard at work preparing for the NCAA Division III Upper Midwest Regional. After finishing the regular season with a 7-5 record in Duals, the Titans took fourth place at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship tournament last Friday.

UWO's 103.5-points marks their best finish in the WIAC Championship tournament since 2014, where the team also took fourth. 2014 was head coach Efrain Ayala's first season coaching the Titans, and said he was very excited heading into this year's tournament.

"There was a chance we could finish in the top three, and I was sure to share that possibility with the team," Ayala said. "This year's team was stronger than ever. I shared with them my expectations and hopes, and we went in there to get work done. A fourth-place finish is something we are proud of."

Throughout the season, the Titans were working hard everyday to address weaknesses in their techniques. Freshman AJ Schoenfuss said he has been improving multiple aspects of his craft throughout his first college season.

"Coming into college I was not good on my feet at all, and I think that coach [Ayala] knew this," Schoenfuss said. Throughout the season he, along with several of the other coaches, have helped me to break down what I was doing right and wrong. By doing this I have significantly improved but still have a lot more to learn in the rest of the season and rest of my career."

Schoenfuss and his teammates will have another great opportunity to learn and improve during the NCAA Division III Upper Midwest Regional.

Sophomore Ben Kitslaar said the regional tournament and the possibility of moving on to the National Championship, means a lot to himself and the team.

"I look forward to fighting for a spot

at the National Tournament," Kitslaar said. "It is a dream of mine to represent my university at the biggest stage in this division of wrestling."

Coach Ayala said the Titans are a team loaded with young talent, all hungry for a chance to represent UWO on the biggest stage possible.

"Each one of our starters holds huge potential for this upcoming regional," Ayala said. "Any one of them could break out and have an amazing day. I think that's what is so exciting right now: we are on the edge of greatness. Of course we will be looking for [senior] Mark Choinski to make it through the regional on top and head into his third national tournament."

The NCAA Division III Upper Midwest Regional takes place on Feb. 22-23, at the UW-Eau Claire McPhee Center. The NCAA Division III Championship takes place two weeks later from March 8-9 at the Berglund Center in Roanoke, VA.

# UWO gymnastics team falls to UW-La Crosse

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The UW Oshkosh gymnastics team fell 186.750-184.675 to defending champions UW-La Crosse during Friday's meet in La Crosse.

The Titans had a season best in the uneven bars with a score of 45.925.

Junior Jessica Bernardo had a season-best score of 9.20 on the uneven bars and took first place in the all-around competition with 36.400 points.

Freshman Olivia Keller finished third place in two events with scores of 9.575 on the balance beam and 9.45 in the floor exercise.

Freshman Kaira Hammond helped UWO, placing in the top six in three categories. Hammond finished fourth on the balance beam with a score of 9.55, fifth on the vault with a season-best of 9.375 and sixth on the uneven bars with a score of 9.275.

Freshman Rahdea Jarvis also finished second in the all-around competition, tallying a season high of 35.525 points and placing fifth on the vault and fourth on the uneven bars.

Titan senior Bailey Finin also finished fourth in her floor exercise with a score of 9.375.

"After the meet at [UW-La Crosse] this past weekend, I am feeling confident going into this weekend at Seattle Pacific," Finin said. "I believe that if I continue to work on the minor details in my routine such as landings and dance, I can improve and get great results."

Injuries have played a big factor so far this season for UWO.

"Although this does impact us, we tend to just try and keep moving forward," Finin said. "We get that injured person the help they need such as therapy, seeing the doctor, rest, etc. and then we add a non-injured person to the lineup. It really helps to have depth in our lineups this year so that if there is an injury, we are able to cover

for that person. This is what being a team is all about. It's great to be able to step up for each other."

Senior Madison Reiter has been sidelined with an injury, but this has not discouraged her from helping her teammates.

"During practice it is important for me to help keep the energy up," Reiter said "I also try to give the girls any corrections that will help them score better and, even more importantly, making sure they are confident in themselves and their ability."

Though falling short to La Crosse last weekend, the team is putting this behind them as they prepare for Seattle this weekend.

Titan senior Bailee Hardy said remembering the small details ultimately will provide results when it's time to perform at meets.

"When facing a tough team like [UW-La Crosse], we focused on a lot of the little things at practice," Hardy said. "Then when it comes down to meet day, we always decide to go and think of it as a practice, not changing a thing in the routine and just making the routine the same way we would at practice."

The UWO gymnastics team's journey to Seattle, WA this upcoming weekend provide an opportunity to compete against Division I teams.

Remaining cool, calm and collected, Reiter said will allow the UWO gymnastics team to keep a level head when it's their time to perform.

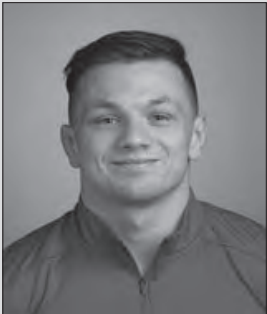
"We are just as good as these teams we will be competing against; we just need to go in confident, have fun and do our job," Reiter said. "Showing them that D-III gymnastics matters and we are good enough."

The Titans travel to Seattle, WA this Friday, Feb. 15 to compete in the quadrangular at NCAA Division II member Seattle Pacific University where they will face rivals, UW-Whitewater Warhawks.

## 2018-19 top performers



**AJ Schoenfuss**  
125 lbs  
Record: 20-9  
13 pins  
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Runner-up



**Mark Choinski**  
165 lbs  
Record: 28-2  
8 pins  
WIAC  
Runner-up



**Beau Yineman**  
197 lbs  
Record: 29-4  
5 pins  
WIAC  
Runner-up

# Nationally ranked track and field teams compete at Midwest ELITE Invitational

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The UW Oshkosh men's and women's track and field teams traveled to UW-Whitewater to compete at the Midwest ELITE Invitational last weekend.

The UWO men finished with 88.5 points to place fourth out of 10 teams landing only 1/2 a point behind the third-place team Washington University (MO). UW-La Crosse took first with 151 points as UW-Whitewater placed second with 99.5 points.

Titan women finished fifth out of ten teams with 47.5 points. Winner of the women's invitational was Washington University (MO) with 176 points, UW-Lacrosse took second with 143 points and UW-Stevens Point placed third with 91 points.

The UWO women's team had two individual winners in Saturday's meet. Amanda Van Den Plas dominated the other 25 runners in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:35.13. Van Den Plas outran second place finisher Sophie Young of Washington University by over seven seconds.

Lauren Wensch impressed in the long jump event as she outleaped the other 33 com-

petitors by almost six inches with a measurement of 18-9 3/4 to take home first place. Wensch currently is ranked first in the nation in this event with a best of 19-3 1/4.

Wensch said her own bests keep her striving for higher ceilings in the long jump.

"I really try to hold my performances to a high standard," Wensch said. "Knowing that I have jumped well in the past helps keep me confident and hungry for better marks."

Wensch also placed as runner-up in the 400-meter run with a time of 58.04 seconds. Wensch and her 1,600-meter relay team composed of Lindsay Denu, Alexandra Demco and Taylor Pralle ran to a seventh-place finish at the Midwest Invitational finishing with a time of 4:12.76.

Notables for the women's team included in Sadie Huth, Allie Marineau and Sydney Rau. Huth ran a 9.38 for fourth place in the women's hurdles, Marineau took third in the 20-pound weight throw with a hurl of 52-5 and Rau finished sixth in the pole vault with a height of 11-7.

Individually for the UWO men, Jonathan Wilburn was the lone winner on Saturday defeating 20 opponents in the triple jump. Wilburn

grabbed the first place finish with a leap of 47-2 1/2. Wilburns best measurement so far this year was 47-7 3/4, a mark that puts him third across all of Division III.

There were three individual second-place finishers for the Titan men on Saturday. Joe Vils took second in the pole vault event with a height of 15-10, Robert Ogbuli was runner-up in the 60-meter dash, claiming a time of 6.96 seconds and Justin Skinkis took second place in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:55.92.

The men's 1,600-meter relay team of Ryan Powers, Todd Beadle, Nick Freitag and Amitai Wheat also finished second with 3:20.40. This group currently ranks fifth in the country with a best time of 3:17.26.

With less than two weeks from the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Wensch said the team has changed it's attitude as the competition increases.

"The atmosphere [around the team] is becoming very focused and serious as we head into championship season," Wensch said. "Everyone has been putting in a lot of work and I'm excited to see that pay off for the team as things get more competitive in the upcoming weeks."

Powers said team camaraderie is prevalent on the UWO track and field team as the men's and women's teams have pushed and cheered each other on throughout the season.

"As a team I would really love to see the men's and women's team make top two at conference this year as well as having multiple time national qualifiers," Powers said.

Head track coach Justin Kinseth said that the team prepares itself for these final weeks of the season.

"Probably the one thing you'll notice with track individually is you're going to have a lot of meets to set yourself up for two or three meets in the season that as a team we want to try and get after," Kinseth said. "That's when we actually hold up a team trophy."

The UWO men's and women's track teams have two events this upcoming weekend on Friday at the Silverton Invitational in Ann Arbor, MI on the University of Michigan campus beginning at 1 p.m. On Saturday, the Titans will return home to host the UW Oshkosh Titan Challenge at 9:30 a.m. in the final tune up before the WIAC Championship Feb. 22-23.

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# UWO wins first outright WIAC title since 1977-78

## The UW Oshkosh men’s basketball team set a school record by winning 21 straight games before finally losing to UW-La Crosse

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The UW Oshkosh men’s basketball team saw its streak of 21-straight victories come to an end.

On Wednesday, UWO dropped their second game of the year on Wednesday, losing to UW-La Crosse 66-61.

UWO was held to just 39 percent shooting from the floor and made 66.7 percent of their free throw shots going eight for 12.

Junior forward Adam Fravert led the Titans with 21 points, shooting five for 10 from three-point range.

In a rare occurrence, the Titans were out-rebounded by their opponent as UW-La Crosse held a 43-32 advantage on the boards.

Oshkosh also turned the ball over 11 times, and senior Ben Boots said the Titans need to clean that up before playoff time.

“We have to keep protecting the ball offensively,” Boots said. “When we protect the ball really well, that helps our offense and our defense.”

Last Saturday, UWO took on UW-Stevens Point at Kolf Sports Center where the Titans battled their way to a 77-70 victory.

The Pointers hold the nation’s leading scoring defense but the Titans shot a respectable percentage from the field and got to the free-throw line

23 times, converting on 19 of those attempts.

Boots led the Titans as he poured in 23 points on six of 13 shooting from the field and going nine of 10 from the free-throw line.

Boots also reached the 1,500 point milestone during the contest, becoming the ninth player in UWO history to do so.

The Titans limited 2018 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference First-Team selection Canon O’Heron to 10 points on five of 12 shooting and limited all UW-Stevens Point scorers to under 31 percent shooting from beyond-the-arc.

The win locked in UWO’s first WIAC championship since 2001-02 and their first sole championship since 1977-78.

Boots said after the team’s loss to Wheaton College in its second game of the season, it has paid more attention to what it can do on defense to

make things harder for the opponent’s offense.

“I think we recommitted on the defensive end after our early loss this season,” Boots said. “Playing great defense helps spark our offense and we gain our energy from getting stops.”

The game also served as the team’s annual Shooting It For Luke event, which raises money for the Families of Children with Cancer, a local organization that supports individual children and their families, according to the UWO Athletics website.

Neenah St. Mary’s Catholic High School sophomore Luke Peters has been a program sponsor for the past five years after being diagnosed with a brain tumor before his sixth birthday.

Boots said Peters has been an inspiration for the team over the past five years and the team enjoys supporting the 16-year-old.

“It’s a really great experience and opportunity to host such an awesome event,” Boots said. “Luke means

so much to us and we love having him. We were able to watch his high school game the night before the event, which was awesome as well.”

Senior forward Alex Van Dyke said this cause is personal to him as he was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia just before his 14th birthday.

Van Dyke said the program does a good job of spreading awareness and raising money for childhood cancer.

“Part of our team mission statement is to contribute to the community and this is one of the ways we do that,” Van Dyke said. “For me specifically, it means that we’re spreading awareness about cancer research and hopefully increasing funding through donations.”

Wittchow said during his four years at UWO, he has been able to watch Peters grow, which has been a really cool experience.

“Each year I’ve been here at Oshkosh we’ve had a ‘Shooting it for Luke’ game,” Wittchow said. “I think it’s been really cool to watch him grow and mature over the years. Our team treats him as one of us.”

The Titans will travel to UW-Eau Claire on Saturday for their final regular-season game. Tip-off is set for 5 p.m. at W.L. Zorn Arena.



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ABOVE: Junior Adam Fravert drives on a UW-Stevens Point defender during the Titans’ 77-70 victory last Saturday. LEFT: Senior Ben Boots dribbles past a defender on his way to a 23-point performance against the Pointers. BELOW: UWO’s bench celebrates a made three against UWSP.



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# Day-by-day culture drives Titans

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The UWO men’s basketball team posted a school-record 21-straight wins and gained regional and national recognition because of it.

The No. 3-ranked Titans lost a non conference game to Wheaton College by a score of 86-74 in the second game of the season and proceeded to rattle off 21-straight victories before falling to UW-La Crosse.

Over the course of the season, UWO has posted scorching shooting numbers. The team is shooting just under 48 percent from the field and 38 percent from the 3-point line.

A large part of the streak can be attributed to the team sharing the ball, as it is averaging 15.8 assists per game, an increase of one-and-a-half assists per game from last year.

With the success has come a lot more media attention. Senior Brett Wittchow said the team has done a good job blocking that out and focusing on day-to-day tasks.

“Our theme this season has been focusing on one day at a time,” Wittchow said. “We try to not look too far ahead, instead focusing on today’s practice, or today’s game. I think it’s helped keep our attention in the present, instead of on all this media attention and regional or national recognition.”

Senior Ben Boots echoed Wittchow’s idea of staying in the moment.

“We just try to focus on ourselves each and every day,” Boots said. “We know how good of a team we are and any attention that comes from the outside doesn’t affect us.”

Wittchow said the team has put in the extra work to become one of the best teams in UWO history.

“I think one thing our team [did] exceptionally well during this streak is maintaining a hungry work ethic,” Wittchow said. “Whether it’s practice, lifting or extra workouts, our guys have treated each one like it’s day one of the season.”

Last season, the Titans played their way to a national cham-

pionship game appearance but fell short. The team is looking to make it back to the title game this season and is primed to do so as they are currently set up to host multiple playoff games.

Wittchow said there are also things the team can work on going into the postseason.

“There are plenty of things we can polish up going into the postseason,” Wittchow said. “I think one thing we can always get better at is our communication. We have a veteran core but also have young guys with significant roles. The more we can communicate with them on the court, the better our team can be.”

Senior Alex Van Dyke said the team’s preparation contributes to its ability to block out attention from people outside the program and focus on winning.

“We do the same thing every week; we treat every team like it’s the best team on our schedule,” Van Dyke said. “We don’t concern ourselves with anything people outside of our program have to say about us good or bad.”

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# Women’s basketball claims 13th title

UW Oshkosh women’s basketball takes down UW-La Crosse 71-62 for the WIAC title



ABOVE: The Titan bench cheers on teammates as they claim their 21st win of the season. UWO leads the conference with a 10-2 WIAC record and a 21-3 record overall. BELOW: UWO senior guard Chloe Pustina locks down an offensive player. Pustina is averaging 6.4 points, 2.6 assists and 2.5 rebounds per game this season for the Titans.



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The UW Oshkosh women’s basketball team claimed their 13th Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title after going 2-0 this past week, improving their record to 21-3 overall and 11-2 in conference play. The Titans defeated UW-La Crosse 71-62 on Wednesday to seal the WIAC title. UW Oshkosh’s junior forward Olivia Campbell led three double-digit performances with a career-high 15 points on 6-of-11 shooting from the field. Senior center Isabella Samuels contributed 15 points and three rebounds while senior guard Chloe Pustina had 11 points, three assists and two steals for the Titans.

Campbell said the key to sealing the WIAC title came from their team-orientated offense and lockdown defense. “Like all wins, playing together and defense are our biggest things,” Campbell said. “La Crosse has been playing really well; They are a great offensive team, so locking down their shooters and playing well defensively was key for us, especially in the second half.” Among the 10 Titan scorers were forward Melanie Schneider and forward Nikki Arneson who tallied seven points apiece. Schneider also gathered a game-high five

rebounds on the night. UWO faced a 33-37 deficit in the first half, but outperformed the Eagles 38-25 in the second to claim yet another Titan victory. UW Oshkosh Head coach Brad Fischer said the Titans considerate efforts towards their teammates rewarded them this tough win late in the season. “The first half they did anything they wanted,” Fischer said. “They are really good offensively so it was just a matter of getting enough shots and hitting more on our end of things. We’ve just stuck with it this season. Fischer was proud that his team, as it has been all season, was unselfish in the victory. Our girls this season have been super unselfish, and I think that ended up paying off for them.”

— Chloe Pustina  
UWO Senior guard

On Saturday night, sophomore forward Karsyn Rueth came off the bench and led the team in points and rebounds for UWO as the 11th ranked Titans defeated UW-Stevens Point by a score of 65-58. Rueth scored 12 points and added five rebounds for the Titans. Schneider led the team in assists with four. Samuels and Campbell added nine points for the Titans. The Titans took charge in the first quarter, holding the Pointers to just six points while adding 16 of their own. UWO shot a high field goal percentage as they shot 55 percent from the field and 50 percent from the 3-point line. The Titans kept the Pointers slightly under 50 percent from the field as UW-Stevens Point shot 48 percent. Pustina said that although the back-to-back wins were crucial for the Titans, the season is nowhere near over. “Our conference is tough,” Pustina said. “It’s never for certain coming into the season, no matter how well we’ve done up to this point, so it’s really just good to come out and get a win tonight. We have to continue to play together moving into the our final game and the postseason. We need to lock down on defense like we have all season. Our defense is our winning edge.” The Titans conclude regular season play on Saturday for their final home game against UW-Eau Claire at 7 p.m. in Kolf Sports Center. The Titans will also host their first WIAC tournament game next week with a time and date to be determined.



# The Herd remain 14th

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The Milwaukee Bucks’ G-League affiliate, the Wisconsin Herd, went 1-2 last week against Eastern Conference opponents to advance the Herd to the 14th spot in the Eastern Conference and a 9-26 record overall.



The Herd fell to the Chicago Bulls’ G-League affiliate the Windy City Bulls 126-110 on Tuesday night despite Wisconsin forward Christian Wood tallying his 13th 30-point game and 18th double-double of the season. Wood, who is the G League’s second-leading scorer, was one of four double-digit Herd performances. Other efforts included Milwaukee’s two-way contractee Bonzie Colson and Michael Qualls who recorded 17 points apiece while Robert Johnson had 10 points and Nick Johnson a team-leading 11 assists. Seven Bulls players scored in the double digits to contribute to the Windy City’s season-high scoring effort as forward Kaiser Gates led with 24 points on 9-of-11 from the field. Gates also gathered 11 rebounds, four assists and two steals. Wisconsin held a two point lead, 66-64, at halftime, but Windy City scored a season-high 40 points on homecourt to the Herd’s 16 in the third quarter to take the lead heading into the final 12 minutes of play. Wisconsin outscored Windy City in the fourth quarter 28-22, but it was not enough as the Bulls maintained their double-digit lead, preserving their sixth spot in the Eastern Conference with a record of 20-17.



The Herd defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers G-League affiliate, the Canton Charge, 117-106 at the Menominee Nation Arena on Sunday. Wisconsin outscored Cleveland in every quarter but the first, as the Herd compiled four double-digit performances including a 45-point, 20-rebound effort from Wood. Woods’ performance was just one point shy of Wisconsin’s individual scoring record of 46 held by teammate Xavier Munford. Herd head coach Jordan Brady said Wood is inching his way closer to a consistent spot on the Milwaukee Bucks’ roster with nights like these. “Christian had a monster game. He is a very talented scorer, very talented rebounder but there’s always improvement,” Brady said. “The goal with Christian has always been to be able to get him to play up with the Milwaukee Bucks and improve his defense. As long as he is with us and he continues to grow, he’ll get that chance with Milwaukee and be ready to go.” Guard Michael Qualls also contributed to the win with 20 points, eight rebounds and two steals. Center Shevon Thompson had 17 points, eight rebounds and three blocks. Munford, who was on a minute restriction for Wisconsin, had five points, five rebounds and four assists as he made his re-debut for the Herd after spending the initial part of the season playing basketball in China. Munford said his 24 minutes of action were concentrated within team play and applying what he had learned in China here. “I just wanted to ease back in, move the ball and show the guys that we can win playing team basketball,” Munford said. “In China they really lean on you to score the ball, and really just work on your offensive game and develop new offensive skill, so that’s what I want to apply here.”

The Charge, who are seated right above the Herd with a 12-23 record in the East, had four double-digit performances over 15 points, including a 27-point night from guard Kobi Simmons.



The Herd fell to the Toronto Raptors’ G-League affiliate, the Raptors 905, 115-113, in a close-fought game that tallied 11 lead changes. The Raptors led by 11 points heading into the final 3:14 seconds of play, but the Herd rallied for a 10-2 run to bring the game within three points with seconds to play. Wisconsin maintained the final possession but Herd guard Nick Johnson’s attempt at a 31-foot buzzer beater fell short, yielding a 905 victory. Despite the loss, all five Herd starters finished in double figures; Colson, Qualls and Thompson finished with 20 or more. Colson was Wisconsin’s leading scorer with 28 points, while Qualls had 24 and Thompson 20. Thompson also gathered a game-high 15 rebounds. The Raptors, who hold the second-best record (22-14) in the Eastern Conference, had five double-digit performances led by Chris Boucher’s game-high 34 points. Jordan Howard led the 905 in bench points with an astounding 27, outscoring the Herd’s entire bench 27-12. Thompson said despite Wisconsin’s record so far this season, the Herd continue to work their hardest together. “We are going to try our best,” Thompson said. “We are going out there giving it every effort, every night, to try and get another winning streak going.” Wisconsin is off until another battle against the Raptors Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Central Time at Paramount Fine Foods Centre, Ontario, Canada.



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