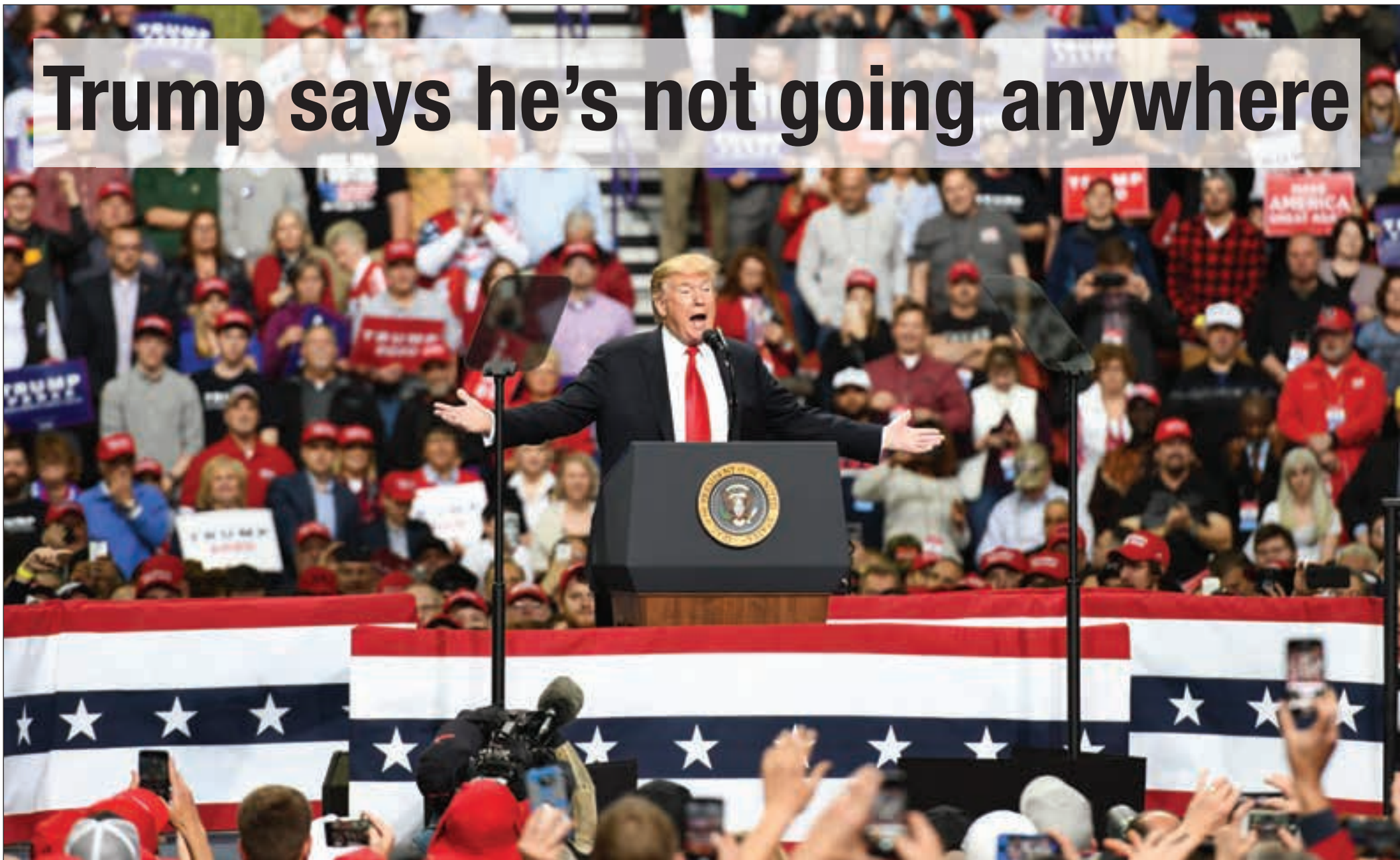


Basketball coach
Matt Lewis is officially named the head coach of the UWO men’s basketball team.
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ABOVE: President Donald Trump recaps what his administration has accomplished. BOTTOM LEFT: A Trump supporter waits in line for eight hours to see the president speak. BOTTOM RIGHT: Joanne Lazansky, democratic party, discusses why she doesn’t support Trump at the Green Bay Labor Temple.



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GREEN BAY — Thousands of Wisconsinites gathered together, those for and those against, to see President Donald Trump at his MAGA Rally at the Resch Center last Saturday.
Earlier in the day, Democrats held a press conference and rally at the Green Bay Labor Temple to discuss health care, taxation and the environ-

ment.
“We have people worried about the economy,” Brown County Democratic Party Chairwoman Lindsay Dorff said, “We have people worried about tax cuts who are favoring the rich over working families. We have people who are worried about their access to health care and what will happen to them if the ACA [Affordable Care Act] goes away when they have a pre-existing condition. We have parents

like myself ... worried about the environment and what we are leaving for our kids. We feel like Democrats are the ones who are actually answering these questions.”
Joanne Lazansky of Kewaunee said she distrusts Trump.
“All his lying and the way he treats the media, you know, anything that doesn’t paint him in a positive light is automatically fake news,” Lazansky said.

Wisconsin State AFL CIO secretary treasurer Dennis Dele said the rich and the powerful wipe out unions in their quest to become richer and more powerful.
“Never has this quest for extreme wealth and power been as evident as it is under this current administration,” he said.
Sen. Dave Hansen, D-Green Bay, said problems with health care are obvious at the federal level, where polls show that

Democrats have a 10-point lead over Trump on overall individual health care.
“President Trump brags ... over and over again that he will destroy ObamaCare,” Hansen said. “Voters in Wisconsin have turned against him on health care. He bragged to the NRA about the sabotage that he’s done to the Affordable Care Act by getting rid of the individual mandate and followed it up, ‘Now we’re going to get rid of the rest.’

Wow, what a statement.”
Local LPN at Ascension Urgent Care and Democratic party chairwoman, Marcia Steele said her biggest concern is health care.
“People shouldn’t be afraid of going to the hospital or the emergency room because of how much it will cost, and I see that all the time in urgent care,” she said. “They come in days after they’ve been sick



Racist remarks and swastika that appeared in a viral Tweet last Thursday.

Addressing racism and hatred

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Officials at UW Oshkosh and the university police are continuing their investigation into a social media post that went viral last weekend.
An image posted late on April 25 on Twitter showed several people at what appeared to be a party at an off-campus house, standing in front of a banner with a hand-drawn swastika. Another image displayed a whiteboard attached to the wall with the

words “No Liberals, Jews, Muslims, Queers or Hmong” written on it.
Mandy Potts said on Wednesday that the investigation is continuing through the Dean of Students office.
UWO Chancellor Andrew Leavitt updated students on Monday with a campus-wide email and said they are reviewing this matter as a “bias incident reporting investigation.”
Leavitt said he met with the Dean of Students leadership as well as other university

administrators to “assess our efforts.”
“I realize that many of you will find this update inadequate, preferring more details, decisions and even names. I appreciate your interest and engagement. It shows you care about UW Oshkosh,” Leavitt said.
Several departments on campus are already taking action on their own. The journalism department, for instance, will hold a discussion next



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UWO, UWFV participate at Research in the Rotunda

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On April 17, six UW Oshkosh students and two students from the UW-Fox Valley campus traveled to the Wisconsin State Capitol to share their undergraduate research at Research in the Rotunda.

Student researchers and their faculty mentors from all schools in the University of Wisconsin System presented their work in the Capitol Rotunda to state legislators, school administrators, alumni and members of the public.

The event featured 96 poster presentations from UW System students. Many UWO students shared their research with UW System president Ray Cross.

Chancellor Andrew Leavitt attended the event and talked about the value of research.

“Students can take the next step in their intellectual progression of when they learn stuff in the classroom, to be able to directly apply it or in some instances discover new truth and new knowledge,” Leavitt said. “And then the key to [research] is that they must be able to publicly defend it, and that to me is the definition of research.”

Students shared their work with an audience of legislators from both state and local levels.

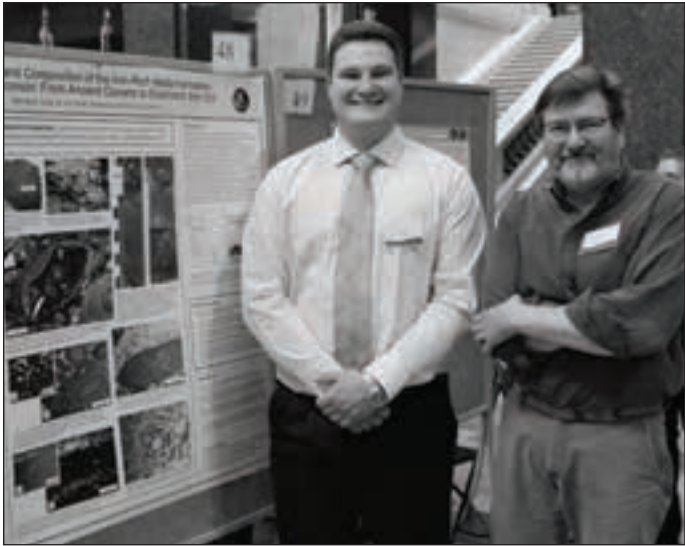
“Research in the Rotunda is an amazing opportunity for our students to showcase their terrific research and their intellectual pursuits,” Leavitt said.

Junior geology student Michael Clark presented his research on the Neda ironstone formation. His research was focused on investigating what the minerals and microscopic textures present in the Neda could tell us about its origin.

“A group of us went into Senator Dan Feyen’s office and spoke about our research with him,” Clark said. “It’s a really neat opportunity to be able to share with him what I’ve been working on, as well as the other elected officials who stopped by my poster throughout the afternoon.”

Leavitt commented on the importance of legislators learning about undergraduate research.

“Legislators need to know and understand what we do,” Leavitt said. “I think that displays of this



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ABOVE: Oshkosh and Fox Valley students at the state capitol. **LEFT:** Michael Watson and Nadia Kaltcheva pose with their research. **RIGHT:** Michael Clark and his adviser, Dr. Eric Hiatt, pose with their research.

kind — of undergraduate research — are a fantastic example showing the value that the UW provides our students and the things that they can do.”

Senior biology students Hayley Vandenoorn and Angela Vickman had a research project titled “Epigenetics and Evolution of Phenotypic Plasticity in Arabidopsis Thaliana.”

“The basis of why we did this project was global warming,” Vandenoorn said. “We wanted to look at how climate change and how the changing of seasonal cues was going to affect

organisms in our world.”

Vickman and Vandenoorn have spent over a year on their research, looking into how climate cues impact the plant called arabidopsis thaliana. The duo presented their findings at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Georgia on April 10 through 13.

“It is really cool to be here in the Rotunda, specifically with all the legislators and all of these important people that have come and are interested in what we’re doing,” Vickman said. “I feel like a lot of undergraduate re-

search is sometimes overlooked, so it’s a good feeling to have people who are interested in what we’re doing at the undergraduate level.”

Anthropology student Melanie Gruenstern looked at the effects of variation and climate on decomposition. She tested a theory on a post-mortem interval calculation using pigs, and over the course of two years found that the calculation is inaccurate in varying climates.

Brianna Beseler, a junior studying biology, mapped the long-term history of fires in

northeastern Wisconsin by collecting a lake sediment core from the bottom of Bass Lake.

“There is no research out there of Wisconsin’s fire history,” Beseler said. “Nobody knows before humans showed up and before we colonized here.”

Beseler used metal rods to collect sediment from the bottom of the lake and sent the samples to be radiocarbon dated, finding data from 12,000 years ago. After looking at the charcoal in her samples, she found significant fires throughout history.

“We also did the running

Biz professor cited for PAC violation

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UW Oshkosh professor Willis Hagen was pulled over for operating a motor vehicle with a prohibited blood alcohol content on Tuesday March 12 at 9:22 a.m. at the intersection of Pearl Avenue and Wisconsin Street/44.

According to the citation, Hagen’s BAC was 0.14%. Per Wisconsin state law, the BAC limit at which no other evidence required to show the driver was intoxicated for an OWI conviction is 0.08%. If your BAC is 0.15% or higher, then an ignition interlock device may be installed into the vehicle, and a sobriety program may be required.

Hagen’s bond was set at \$937.50, and according to the citation, an estimation of six points will be added to his license.

This is Hagen’s first offense. In Wisconsin, first-time offenders face their license being revoked for six to nine months.

In Wisconsin, there is a difference between an OWI and operating with PAC. An OWI is issued through a police officer’s observation that the driver is not capable of driving their vehicle safely. With a PAC charge, the officer must have evidence that the BAC was over the state’s legal limit. It is possible to receive both a PAC and OWI ticket in Wisconsin, although you cannot be charged with both.

Hagen is scheduled to appear in court next Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the Winnebago County Courthouse.

On April 26, Hagen’s attor-

ney Peter Culp filed a notice of appearance as Hagen’s attorney.

According to the UWO faculty/staff handbook, section 1.4.(1) alcohol and other drug use, the use or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on University premises.

“Violations of these provisions by a student may lead to the imposition of a disciplinary sanction, up to and including suspension or expulsion,” the handbook stated. “University employees are also subject to disciplinary sanction for violation of these provisions occurring on University property or the worksite or during work time, up to and including termination from employment.”

According to UWO Workforce Relations and Training Specialist Employee Relations Holly Shea, there is not a “one size fits all” approach to situations like this.

“The way the policies work, there’s really no ‘If this happens then this happens,’” Shea said. “Any time there’s a situation like this there’s going to be an investigation, the specific facts on the investigation are going to determine what the next steps are.”

UWO Director of Communications Mandy Potts declined to comment.

“As it is our practice, we don’t offer comments on personnel (or legal) matters,” Potts said via email.

It is still unclear whether Hagen will face any repercussions from UWO administration for driving under the influence near campus property.

Hagen did not respond when contacted for a comment.

Monitoring bird mortalities at UWO

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According to UW Oshkosh associate lecturer of biology Brad Spanbauer, approximately one million birds die annually in North America from collisions with windows.

UWO professors are co-leading the Bird-Window Strike project to monitor bird mortalities on campus.

“That is a significant number of individuals, especially considering some species or families are more likely to strike windows than others, reducing their populations more significantly,” Spanbauer said. “Those species are part of a web of life that is losing links at an alarming rate, and many of the causes are attributed to humans.”

Spanbauer said they would like to bring awareness to the issue of bird deaths from window strikes and take action.

“The goal of this project is to record species that die from window strikes, analyze relationships between overall species abundances and proportions of window strike fatalities and determine which windows on campus are most likely to be associated with bird deaths,” Spanbauer said. “The ultimate goal is to develop modifications to these windows to prevent future bird collisions at UW Oshkosh.”

UWO associate professor of environ-

mental studies and biology Misty McPhee said while window strikes are a significant source of mortality for birds, they are very preventable.

“A common approach is to put stickers on the window so the bird can see that there is a barrier there,” McPhee said. “Another is to hang piano wire, or some such, on the outside of the window — this moves in the breeze, deterring the birds from flying through.”

UWO student intern Brianna Beseler said they are interested in seeing the impact UWO buildings have on bird migrations.

“We are trying to study how sustainable our campus is, specifically about bird migrations,” Beseler said. “We are studying to see if our windows on campus are suitable for bird migrations so birds don’t fly into them and die.”

McPhee said they are collecting opportunistic and systematic data.

“This means that if someone sees a bird-window collision, they can report it to us,” McPhee said. “Every day for three weeks, our research team will walk the edge of eight campus buildings looking for birds.”

Spanbauer said anyone can participate in the collection of data.

“Right now, the best way to get involved in this project is to be hyper aware of your surroundings and fill out the Google form

events on campus.”

This is our second diversity event the department has held this semester.

Hansen said hatred and bigotry shouldn’t be on this campus.

“I believe these recent events are not a joke and do not reflect any sort of majority on this campus, but that they may increase fear that certain students feel,” Hansen said. “UW Oshkosh is not a place for anger and fear. This university is a place for pursuing dreams and goals for bright futures.”

The communications department is hosting a similar event on Monday from 12:40-1:40 p.m. The discussion will be held in Arts and Communication Building Room S118.

In response to the backlash

on this trending Tweet, a public forum was held on campus last Friday afternoon.

“To anyone who brings hate into the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh community, I invite you to leave,” Leavitt wrote in a campus-wide email that was also posted on his personal Twitter account last Friday.

Nick DA OX Metoxen, leader of the Inter-Tribal Student Organization at UWO, spoke at the forum. Metoxen made it clear what she thinks the correct punishment should be for those responsible.

“Those people need to be gone,” Metoxen said. “Not invited to leave. They need to be told to leave.”

Assistant Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students Art Munin

mean, so you can see we’re on an uphill trend right now,” Beseler said. “We’re due for more fires.”

Senior marketing student Kristen Mahan received a student/faculty collaborative research grant from the Office of Student Research and Creative Activity with English professor Maria Novotny to conduct a study on infertile men and their access to support groups on social media.

“Our research project was directed toward the male experience with infertility because it’s such a stigmatized women’s issue, when in reality one in three times that a couple can’t have a child, it’s from the male,” Mahan said. “On social media there are all these support groups for women and infertility accounts created by women, for women.”

Mahan and Novotny ran a social media account called “Sperm Stories” for three weeks and surveyed men who followed their page for feedback. They found that men want a support system but don’t like to engage because they would rather remain anonymous.

Senior astronomy student Michael Watson studied supergiant stars and their physical parameters, including temperature, brightness and colors. He also presented his research at NCUR.

“Black holes are my favorite thing,” Watson said. “That’s why I like studying supergiant stars because these are the stars that will turn into neutron stars and black holes and such.”

UW-Fond du Lac student Eric McDaniel presented about a drone and software that he and David Juckem created to measure methane and other characteristics of the environment. The drone can fly up to 400 feet and analyze an environment while livestreaming the data to a laptop.

“I want to compliment the faculty who work with these students,” Leavitt said. “I think they do an extraordinary job of mentoring and teaching students these kinds of techniques, and this is the best example of what can happen at a place like UW Oshkosh.”

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Some of the 1,100 Fox-Wolf Watershed volunteers pose with collected garbage by the Fox River on April 27.

Thousands show up to clean for Earth Week

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The UW Oshkosh campus ended Earth Week with the Fox-Wolf Watershed Cleanup on the Fox River on April 27, which saw nearly 1,100 volunteers register to clean up at one of the 62 coordinated sites coordinated. Outreach coordinator Kelly Reyer said UWO has always scheduled a week of earth-minded activities for students, including tabling in Reeve on April 22; speaker Jill Hirosky and keynote speaker Malia Hulleman on April 23; e-waste collection; the showing of the film “The Human Element” and a presentation from speaker Melissa Weyland on April 24; the showing of the film “Dolores” and a bike fair on April 25; and tree planting and the showing of the film “Gasland” on April 26.

“I was excited to have the Fox-Wolf Watershed Cleanup

listed as one of these events,” Reyer said.

UWO well and aquatic invasive specialist and site leader Hannah Nauth said her passion to clean up the world we live in was what inspired her to get involved.

“Seeing what effects litter has on our world as a whole is heartbreaking,” Nauth said. “I want to help make changes that will further our life here on this planet.”

UWO Sustainable Solutions for Tomorrow president Noah Schmidt said when deciding to help with the cleanup, he figured it would be a perfect opportunity for the club to get involved.

“I have always felt passionate about trying to clean up our environment, especially our local waterways,” Schmidt said.

Reyer said the Fox-Wolf Watershed Cleanup began in 2013 with fewer than 100 volunteers cleaning up at 13 sites along the

Fox River.

“Since I started with Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance in 2014 the event has grown significantly in the number of locations cleaned up and the number of volunteers participating,” Reyer said.

Nauth said she believes that cleanups should happen more often and in more locations.

“This cleanup was focused on the Fox-Wolf Watershed, which is extremely important to keep clean because if we allow trash to fill up our waterways, we will no longer have clean water,” Nauth said. “Our wildlife will not be able to survive in the polluted water, and a spiral of creatures dying off will begin to happen soon if we don’t start making changes.”

Schmidt said he feels it would be great if events like this became more common.

“It would encourage networking between students who are passionate about protecting the environment and bring them together,” Schmidt said. “It would also help to keep our local waterways clean.”

Reyer said the cleanup took place along the lakes and rivers throughout the basin.

“Cleanup supplies include trash bags, recycle bags, gloves and trash grabbers,” Reyer said. “After cleaning up, all volunteers are invited to attend the Cleanup Picnic in Appleton for music, lunch, raffles and bounce houses — all free to our volunteers for their hard work cleaning up.”

Nauth said it’s important to be involved in cleaning up the planet because no one else is going to do it.

“If we as humans don’t pick up after ourselves, who will?” Nauth said. “Cleaning up is also only part of what is needed to be done. This is our planet, and if we don’t take care of it, we will reap the casualties.”

Schmidt said he feels it is important for all people to have at least a small role in helping to clean up the environment.

“With more people involved, the more effective a cleanup will be,” Schmidt said. “If we continue to not be involved as a whole community, we will stay part of the problem rather than becoming or finding the solution.”

Reyer said other things residents can do to help protect our waters is to realize what touches the ground can end up in our waterways.

“Our street’s storm drains take water directly to our lakes and rivers untreated,” Reyer said. “Because of this, it’s important to sweep grass clippings and leaves off of our roads and sidewalks as they carry nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus to our lakes and contribute algal growth.”

Cleaning the planet can include composting at home, using green school supplies, saving important documents on a hard drive and emailing them to yourself in order to save paper or eCycling. For more information, visit epa.gov/recycle.



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Volunteers pose for a photo to celebrate earth week.

Distracted drivers cause 3,166 deaths in 2017

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Distracted driving accounted for 9% of fatal crashes and 3,166 deaths in 2017, according to a joint study between the Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

According to the study, 6% of drivers involved in fatal car accidents were distracted, while the age range with the largest percentage of drivers involved in fatal crashes as a result of distracted driving was 15 to 19-year-olds, with 8%.

In 2017, cell phone activity accounted for 14% of all distraction-affected fatal crashes, and of those crashes 434 people died, the study said.

According to a DOT and NHTSA study on driver electronic device use, 3.9% of 16-to-24-year-old drivers visibly use a handheld device while driving, whereas only 1.9% of 25-to-69-year-old drivers visibly use a handheld device.

While 16-to-24 year-olds are the age group with the most electronic device use while driving, Anderson Merchandisers LLC employee Amanda Heyn said she travels across Wisconsin providing merchandise for local retailers and sees distracted drivers of all ages.

“Every single day, [I] have people swerving slowly into my lane before jerking back into theirs while checking out their phone, going past me over 70 mph on the highway in any direction,” Heyn said.

UW Oshkosh junior Ishani Sharma works at Jimmy John’s as a delivery driver and said that she sees distracted drivers every single shift.

“One time I was about to start driving when the light turned green and a distracted driver just blew a red light long after it was red,” Sharma said. “They weren’t even speeding; they were just so distracted they didn’t even know their light was red.”

Distracted driving isn’t a new phenomenon, and it isn’t limited to cell phone use. The NHTSA defines distracted driving as “any activity that diverts attention from driving” including eating, changing radio stations or adjusting routes

on a GPS.

UWO sophomore Austin Lee said he believes people don’t fully understand the risks associated with texting and driving.

“People die on a daily basis due to distractions,” Lee said. “Today, people are on their phones while driving more times than not.”

Lee said one of his best friends was involved in a close call when driving distracted on the highway during a snowstorm.

“He was snapchatting and obviously wasn’t paying attention,” Lee said. “He ended up swerving slightly, but the snow caused his car to completely turn around into oncoming traffic.”

Lee said luckily his friend wasn’t injured, but not all distracted drivers are quite as lucky.

UWO senior Landen Moore was in fifth grade when a distracted driver hit his family on their way home from church.

“The lady that hit us pretty much came into our lane and hit us head-on,” Moore said.

Moore said there was a full investigation into the crash, and several months later it was discovered that the driver who hit their car was texting while driving.

“My parents had a few broken bones; I had some chest pains but nothing serious,” Moore said. “The lady that hit us did die.”

Moore said there was a snow plow behind his family’s vehicle, and when their car was hit they went into the ditch.

“The snow plow, the blade in front of it went right into the front of her car, and that’s what did it,” Moore said. “She was killed on impact, and the scary thing is if our van hadn’t turned the way it did, that plow would’ve gone right into where I was sitting.”

Moore said that incident motivates him to stay off his phone when driving. He doesn’t text, play music off his phone or opts to use the radio.

“I put my favorite station on, and I go that route,” Moore said. “I never look at my phone when driving.”

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and now instead of getting them antibiotics, now we’re starting IVs and they have to come in because their leg got so infected, things like that. It’s just wrong.”

Wisconsin Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes said Trump is only holding a rally in Wisconsin because he is fearful.

“Donald Trump has been a disaster in each of these issue areas (treatment of immigrants, clean energy, criminal justice reform, health care) for our state, for our country,” Barnes said. “Look at our dairy farmers; we lost 700 dairy farmers last year. You look at the price of milk, and our president isn’t doing anything to support our family farmers or working people. He’s not doing anything to support our working people who are working so hard to get the health care that they deserve. Yet he’s here today because he’s desperate. He knows the importance of the state of Wisconsin. He knows that when Democrats lead with a vision, Donald Trump has no chance.”

Meanwhile, outside the Resch Center, Trump supporters waited for hours to get in for the rally.

Eva Wypych, formerly of Poland, said she came from Chicago and had been standing in the VIP section line for eight hours.

“I’m so happy to be here,” she said. “I am always supporting President Trump. The way he treats our country, I think he’s one of the best presidents ever. I came from a communist country. I don’t want communism here; I got out of the country in 1979 and I don’t want the same thing here. America first, security first, job first. I love this president; I love this crowd. I love this rally. For the first time, I am very happy.”

Michael Schnur said he came solely to support his president.

“I just don’t find myself fitting in with a lot of the politicians on the Democratic Party, and I feel President Trump speaks for me, with the whole common sense thing, like you have the

freedom to own a gun, the common stuff like who is our country, why they are here,” Schnur said. “I’m a big Second Amendment guy. I love my gun rights. It’s one of the first rights in the Bill of Rights that we have. I love the idea of the barrier of the wall; it is a problem down at the southern border.”

Eden Witt said she came to the rally to celebrate with like-minded individuals.

“... We’re really broken as a country,” Witt said. “When you come here, you can celebrate things like the flag and how great our country is, and you know that everyone here believes the same thing. It’s very unifying and that’s just something that our country doesn’t have anymore. I wish we could share this with other people who don’t like Trump. I agree with his foreign policy because he’s tough, but he also doesn’t want our soldiers fighting useless wars because that’s not fair to them, and that’s not fair to their families. I also agree with lower taxes and cutting regulations to help businesses. Most of all, I appreciate Donald Trump because, unlike most Republicans, he has a backbone.”

The doors opened at 4 p.m. and security began checking in every individual. President Trump didn’t take the stage until 7 p.m. but that didn’t stop the crowd from cheering in excitement hours before his appearance.

Social media personalities Diamond and Silk, U.S. Congressmen Mike Gallagher and Sean Duffy, both R-Wis., and Donald Trump Jr. hyped up the crowd before Trump finally walked down the runway.

Donald Trump Jr. drew on the slogan “Promises made, promises kept.”

“I understand in 2016 you guys took a big chance on my father, what was different than him than any other politician, making promises,” Trump Jr. said. “You’ve been hearing promises for decades, but now look at the numbers across the board. Five million new jobs in America, many of those right here in Wisconsin.”

When the audience caught glimpse of Donald Trump’s shoe appearing through the curtains, the crowd immediately burst into a roar. Trump took his

time walking down the runway, bowing and pointing at the audience.

During his speech, he addressed several issues concerning healthcare, jobs and the Mexican border.

“We’re going to be the party of healthcare,” Trump said. “We’re coming up with a great package after the election. We repealed ObamaCare. It’s unfair and a very unpopular individual mandate. Well, you had to pay a fortune for the privilege of not having health insurance; that was very bad. And we’ll always protect patients with pre-existing conditions. The Republicans are always going to protect pre-existing conditions.”

A full repeal of the Affordable Care Act would get rid of provisions that protect people with pre-existing conditions. Trump did not talk about his plan to counter this.

Trump also talked about expanding the United States military.

“We are rebuilding our military like never before in the history of our planet,” Trump said. “That includes brand new combat ships from Marinette and more than 6,000 brand new armored vehicles from Oshkosh.”

Contrary to the five million new jobs that Trump Jr. referred to, Trump claimed there were six million new jobs.

“In the state of Wisconsin alone, we have created 23,000 brand new manufacturing and construction jobs, a record,” Trump said. “After years and years of declining wages, wages are rising for the first time in 21 years. We have cut 30,000 pages of job-killing regulations from the federal register. That’s an all-time record. It’s never happened before. We passed the largest package of tax cuts and reforms in our nation’s history.”

Fact Check: The economy created about 6 millions jobs in the roughly two years before the election, then again in the roughly two years after.

During the president’s speech, there were many chants coming from the audience, one of the most popular being, “Build the wall!”

“We’re building the wall by the way,” Trump said. “We’re gonna have over 400 miles of wall built by the end

of next year. These left-wing extremists don’t believe America has the right to enforce our immigration laws or decide who gets to enter and remain in our country. Democrats want to allow totally unlimited, uncontrolled and unchecked migration all paid for by you, the American taxpayer. The Republican Party believes America has not only the right, but the absolute duty to control our borders and to enforce our laws.”

Trump said the wall is necessary to recruit workers legally and to control drug trafficking.

“We have so many companies ... that need workers, but they have to come in legally and they have to come in through merit; we will always support the heroes of ICE and border patrol,” Trump said. “The border crisis is also driving, and very strongly, the drug crisis, the biggest crisis we have. It’s people, and it’s drugs, and it’s traffickers, cartels, traffic, huge quantities of heroin, meth, cocaine and fentanyl across our southern border.”

“Last month alone, 100,000 illegal immigrants arrived at our borders, placing a massive strain on communities, and schools, and hospitals and public resources like nobody’s ever seen before,” Trump said. “Now we’re sending many of them to sanctuary cities, thank you very much. They’re not too happy about it. I’m proud to tell you that was actually my sick idea, by the way.”

Fact Check: WBAY reported that there is no evidence to support that the Trump Administration has begun to send migrants to sanctuary cities. In fact, Homeland Security Officials rejected the plan as unworkable.

Trump also discussed legislation to prohibit late-term-abortion.

“[Democrats] are aggressively pushing extreme late-term abortion, allowing children to be ripped from their mothers’ womb right up until the moment of birth,” Trump said. “The baby is born. The mother meets with the doctor. They take care of the baby, they wrap the baby beautifully. And then the doctor and the mother determine whether or not they will execute the baby. I called on Congress to imme-

diately pass legislation prohibiting the extreme late-term abortion abolished. So Democrats are now the party of high taxes, high crime, open borders, late-term abortion, hoaxes and delusions.”

Fact Check: According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 91% of abortions are performed at less than three months gestation, 8% are performed between three and five months gestation, 1% are performed at more than five months gestation. Zero abortions were documented in the last or ninth month.

Many of the speakers before Trump took the opportunity to bash the news. Trump also weighed in, referring to “sick, demented, horrible beings” that go “blow up a store” after reading something on the internet.

“Fake news. They’re fake, they are fake, they are fakers,” Trump said. “I’ll tell you, you know what sucks, their ratings suck because people don’t believe in them anymore.”

Fact Check: At UWO, journalism students are taught by their professors to tell the truth, report their stories in a fair and balanced manner and to give proper sourcing to everything.

UWO journalism professor Vincent Filak said free speech is vital to a democracy, whether or not our president happens to like it.

“We all have to be allowed to say our speech; otherwise it’s not free speech,” he said.

Trump said that he signed an executive order a month ago to defend free speech on college campuses.

“And if they don’t give free speech, they lose billions and billions of dollars, and that’s OK,” he said.

Despite the negative comments against the media, Trump closed on a positive note.

“With the great and proud people of Wisconsin, we will make America wealthy again,” Trump said. “We will make America strong again. We will make America safe again and we will make America great again. Thank you, Wisconsin.”

Wetlands: Dead in the water?

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On April 15, just one week before Earth Day, public comments were quietly closed on the Environmental Protection Agency’s proposal to eliminate protections for over half of the nation’s wetlands.

The proposal, which the Trump Administration supports, would change the scope of waters that fall under The Clean Water Protection Act and would redefine what is covered under federal regulations by proposing a “Waters of the United States” definition.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the WOTUS proposal would remove federal protections for 18% of streams and rivers in the U.S. and over 51% of the nation’s wetlands.

In Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources secretary Preston Cole said a large percentage of the states’ 5 million acres of wetlands and at least half of Wisconsin’s rivers, could lose protections under the proposal.

The proposed regulations would put protections of our nation’s waterways at their lowest levels in over 30 years.

Acting associate dean and geography professor Colin Long teaches climate courses at UW Oshkosh and said the WOTUS proposal would likely cause no immediate dramatic effects on the environment. Rather, the effects would appear over time.

“It’s not always this catastrophic event that causes degradation in ecosystems,” he said. “It’s a slow buildup over time that starts to wear away at the ecological integrity of the process. So by relaxing standards, it provides an opportunity for that degradation to start.”

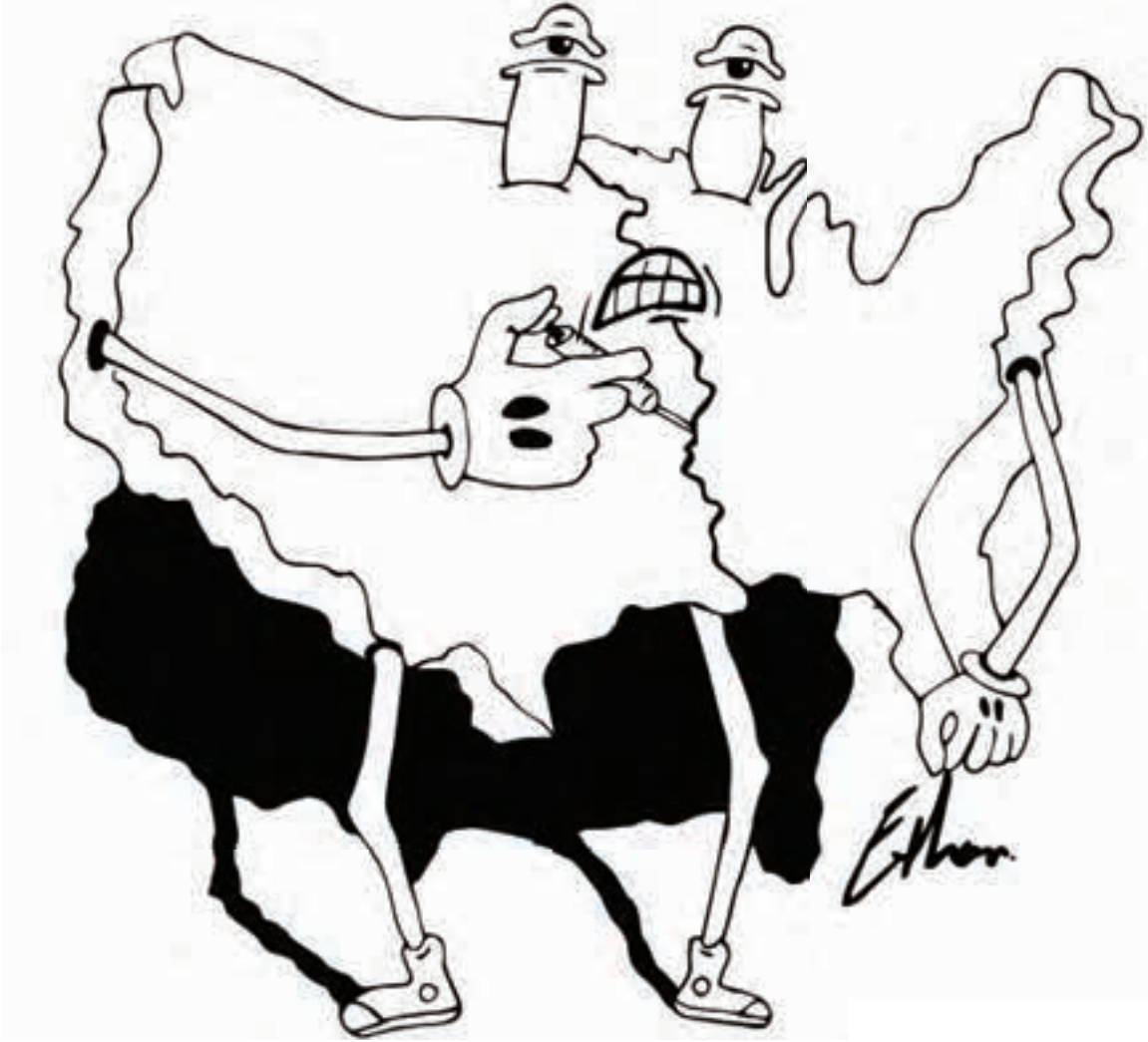
And once that degradation starts, the environment will never be the same, according to UWO geographic information systems professor Mamadou Coulibaly.

“By the time you realize the damages, they will be irreversible,” Coulibaly said.

An EPA press release said the proposal’s goals were to bring “significant cost savings, protect the nation’s navigable waters, help sustain economic growth and reduce barriers to business development.”

But if you break down the proposal’s goals, three out of the four reasons listed are financially motivated, allowing businesses to develop in areas that currently receive federal protections.

“If you’re a company and



you want to build another plant or expand your parking lot and you’ve got to plow over someplace that has some stupid little frogs in it, and you can’t pave that lot, that’s where the frustration comes in,” Long said.

But Coulibaly said those “stupid little frogs” are an important part of the ecosystem.

“Nature isn’t that simple,” he said. “Even if you can’t see the connection with your bare eyes, there is one.”

To break it down even further, the goal of this policy is to make money at any cost.

“It’s all about making it easier for businesses to do what they want to do with the landscape,” Long said.

The idea that this policy is intended to “protect our nation’s navigable waters” is laughable.

“I don’t see the connection there,” Coulibaly said. “I see a good economic reason for it.”

If the environment is what’s at stake, the Trump Administration is willing to sacrifice it in the name of corporate greed.

The rule would also open many waterways up to surface mining, which destroys and degrades land, causing runoff pollution and flooding.

“Mining uses different types of tools and chemicals,” Coulibaly said. “Because of gravity,

these will wind up in the water.”

Not only do wetlands play a vital role in supporting fish and wildlife, they also act as a filtering system and water retention source, absorbing runoff and aiding in flood prevention.

In 2008, flooding was so severe in Wisconsin, the state received over \$44 million in grants from FEMA. In Fond du Lac, 2,000 homes sustained “substantial damage” and the town was declared a federal disaster area.

In the first four months of 2019, several states in the United States have already experienced record flooding. If wetland protections are eliminated, and businesses are allowed to fill in and build on these sites, there will be fewer retention areas for floodwaters.

“As far as the opportunity for floods to increase over the next several decades, yeah, that will most likely occur,” Long said, “because climate variability will increase as the planet gets warmer.”

The EPA’s WOTUS proposal was followed closely by a FEMA plan released in April that changes flood insurance rates. Some worry the new FEMA plan could cause flood insurance rates to skyrocket.

“The more infrastructure we put into areas susceptible to

flooding, the more opportunities to have these catastrophic losses,” Long said.

The Trump Administration acknowledged in their Economic Analysis plan for the Proposed Revised Definition of “Waters of the United States” that the proposal could lead to increased flood risks as well as contamination and pollution. The Administration believes some states may take action to increase regulations on the protection of waterways and wetlands.

However, Wisconsin law prevents “more stringent” environmental protections than federal regulations.

The Trump Administration’s attack on the environment needs to end. If the WOTUS rule is finalized, it will be yet another step in the wrong direction for an environment already suffering from the Administration’s repeated attacks.

“Humans are a part of this ecosystem,” Coulibaly said, “so if we endanger wildlife by destroying wetlands, we are endangering ourselves.”

What the Trump Administration fails to consider is that all the money in the world will be worthless when our waterways become polluted, our communities flood and we no longer have clean water to drink.

Tinder? I barely even know her

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Dating is not something that comes easily to me. As a guy whose last relationship was in high school, followed by 10 years of an on-again, off-again relationship with college, I’ve got some work to do in the “meeting girls” department.



Somewhere down the line, a friend convinced me to get an account on Tinder. Unsurprisingly, I didn’t get a lot of matches; granted, I can be very picky and I’m always dubious of attractive women on the app with a bio reading something along the lines of “Snap me @thiqqgirl69.”

Even after an overhaul of my account where I changed my profile picture and bio to something more “approachable” to a broader demographic, my results were still pretty weak. My self-esteem has felt the effects.

According to recent statistics revealed by Tinder, only 54% of Tinder users are single, meaning that 46% of users are either cheating on their partners or are just on the app to help boost their self-esteem. Who doesn’t like to see how many people like them?

Ironically, this helped boost my own self-esteem. Maybe Tinder isn’t being used as much as it used to for its original purpose, so I took to the UW Oshkosh campus to find out.

UWO junior Paige Nelson said she gets so many matches that it’s kind of a problem, though she just uses the matches for a self-esteem boost.

“I honestly don’t message back,” she said. “I just like to feel like I’m popular when I’m not.”

When Nelson does get matches, many of them turn out to be less than ideal.

“I’ve gotten a long message about how a guy would have sex with me, and it was like, to the point where I was scrolling,” she said.

Nelson said she had one serious boyfriend for about a year and a half that she found on Tinder, but most guys are just looking for hookups.

UWO sophomore Cody Barnes gave Tinder a try in hopes of meeting people, but said he found it to lower his self-esteem due to the low number of matches he was getting.

“I think there’s a negative impact to thinking about the people that are getting the matches, and the idea that even if you do match with someone, they have a million other people waiting in the wings,” he said.

Many other students I talked to, both male and female, gave me the impression that they had tried online dating in the past but have since found more value in meeting people face-to-face. Most were looking for relationships, not just sex.

“Meeting people in person is kind of hard, and it’s really easy to have everyone right there at your fingertips,” UWO student Maggie Clementi said. “But people are creepy.”

From what I’ve seen, it looks like UWO students have a pretty dysfunctional relationship with Tinder. Depending on how you look or how you present yourself, this app could really improve or stunt your self-esteem.

As it seems many others on campus have made this change as well, I think I’ll try taking my chances on awkwardly talking to women out in the real world.

What it’s like reporting at a Trump rally

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This was my first time reporting at a presidential event. To put it simply, what an experience.

I attended a press conference at the Green Bay Labor Temple at 10 a.m. that day. I met a radio station reporter there whose first words to me were, “Have you reported at a Trump event before?” I said “no,” and she proceeded to tell me to watch out.

Like most journalists, I went to the press conference and the MAGA Rally with the mindset that I would deliver a fair and balanced report of the event. To me, this meant interviewing both males and females, interviewing both Democrats and Republicans and interviewing both supporters and non-supporters of Trump.

My plan for interviewing individuals was to stay neutral, and quite frankly, to kill them with kindness. It’s no secret that the president has bashed the media. In the back of my mind, I knew that people would be hesitant to talk to me, but I never expected it to be as bad as it was.

I left the press conference at 11:30 p.m. and felt confident that I had gotten interviews from male and female Democrats and that I heard them on why they didn’t support Trump. I took notes and recorded what Sen. Dave Hansen, D-Green Bay, and Wisconsin Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes had to say.

It was time for me to head to the Resch Center and interview some people on the other side, those who supported Trump.

I walked up and down the gated line of people waiting to see the president speak. I approached each individual with the same introduction and questions: “Hello, my name is Christina. I am here with the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh newspaper, The Advance-Titan. I am asking people why they came today to support their president and what makes them so passionate about supporting their president. What specific things has Trump said or

done that makes you support him?”

The second individual that I interviewed cut me off right after I said UWO. “Oh, the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh,” he said. “I bet all your professors are a bunch of idiotic, satanic liberals and you’re probably just another one of those satanic bitches from the media.”

Truthfully, I debated on walking away right then and there, but I decided not to. What did I do? I killed him with kindness and skipped right over his comment and kindly asked him why he was here supporting Trump.

After that, the rest of my interviews went over pretty smoothly, and I truly believe that was due to my positive attitude.

Press check-in was at 3 p.m. and honestly, it was pretty cool. The Secret Service checked me in and handed me my press credentials that said “White House Press Pool.” You better believe I’m keeping those credentials for life!

I am grateful I had the opportunity to report on a presidential event. That being said, there were some scary moments. The press was located on the floor of the arena, with our own stage so we could get high enough above the crowd to shoot video and photos. There

was no missing us.

President Trump didn’t take the stage until 7 p.m. Social media personalities Diamond and Silk, U.S. Congressmen Mike Gallagher and Sean Duffy, both R-Wis., and Donald Trump Jr. hyped up the crowd before Trump finally walked down the runway.

“I bet all your professors are a bunch of idiotic, satanic liberals and you’re probably just another one of those satanic bitches from the media.”

— Trump Supporter

Every single speaker who took the stage, including President Trump, took the opportunity to bash the media.

The crowd was so hyped up that they all turned around to look us in the face and flip us off, while chanting things like “fake news,” “CNN sucks” or “fuck the media.”

One individual even looked right at me and gave me the thumbs up while booing.

I was saddened by their responses because I know there will always be someone in every single industry who won’t do the right or ethical thing and won’t perform their duties in a professional manner. You hear about it all too often: dirty cops, dirty lawyers, etc. But it is sad when that entire industry takes the heat for it.

Whether they are college journalists or professional journalists, every journalist that I have met has had nothing but good intentions.

At UWO, journalism professors teach their students to tell the truth, report their stories in a fair and balanced manner and to give proper sourcing to everything.

Regardless of these negative experiences, I do not regret reporting at the MAGA Rally. It was an experience that I will never forget and one that will help me to become a better journalist. If anything, all those negative comments toward the media makes me only want to do the best possible job I can do and prove them wrong.

I could not be more proud of the individuals standing around me in the press section. No one made a face, no one shook their head. We all stood there and took the bashing like professionals.

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UWO approves mural displaying diversity

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The first-ever piece of public art at UW Oshkosh will be displayed on the east side of Albee Hall following the Multicultural Mural Student Task Force gaining administrative approval for a mural.

The MMSTF has worked for over two years to get appropriate permission for the project to proceed to its final stage of being created.

Irineo Medina, a UWO alumni who works in printmaking, painting and photography, is the artist working alongside the MMSTF to create an image to represent the cultural and ethnic diversity on the UWO campus.

The purpose of the multicultural mural is to celebrate diversity, promote inclusivity and foster a sense of belonging for underrepresented students and groups at UWO as well as cultural appreciation and unity.

The idea for the mural is not new, but the circumstance that several members of the MMSTF found themselves in provided an opportunity for it to come to fruition.

"I guarantee you we weren't the first ones to have that thought," Nicholas Metoxen, a member of the MMSTF and co-president of the UWO Inter-tribal Student Organization said of the mural. "It just happened that enough of us had the thought at once and kind of jumped on it."

This occurred at one of Chancellor Andrew Leavitt's Late Night Breakfast events when students were prompted to think of ways that they could feel represented on campus.

"We couldn't really come up with a whole lot of them," Metoxen said. "The chancellor, he picked out a much different location and a much different plan, but he was talking about the potential of a mural on campus, and I think that just kind of sparked the interest in a whole bunch of different students who ended up getting together and saying, 'How can we do this?'"

The MMSTF had a lot of interest initially, but figuring out the process for approval and getting connected to the right people was a major challenge.

"We've never done projects like this before, so it was very difficult because we didn't know who to go to," said Pa Houa Xiong, chair of the

MMSTF. "We had a lot of help from our advisers and from the organizations."

This is how the group came into contact with JoAnn Rife, UWO's director of planning and construction, who helped the MMSTF throughout the slow, bureaucratic process that followed.

The MMSTF then started looking for an artist and heard about Medina through Emmet Sandberg of the art department, who mentioned that Medina had painted murals in the stairways of Donner Hall in 2015.

"That was something that just really added a lot to the project being that it was a former student of color who graduated from this very University," Metoxen said. "That meant something, you know, to have someone who really understands it, being a part of it."

Medina was on board with the project right away, despite working a full-time job in Appleton and having a second child on the way.

"It's always been a dream of mine since I started going here to paint on the outside somewhere," Medina said. "It's really exciting, you know, but it's also a huge project, especially working through the red tape."

The red tape didn't hold Xiong, Metoxen or any of the students involved with the MMSTF back, and they recently received approval to proceed with the project.

"It came through, and it's happening," Medina said. "I'm super stoked. I think it's an amazing opportunity for the University, for the people of color here on campus, for myself as an artist and an alumni, for us all to be able to work together."

Working in bright, vibrant colors, Medina said his style is heavily influenced by the street art and graffiti subcultures.

"In public art I don't want to be a negative message, you know. There's enough of that in the world," Medina said. "To be a positive voice and use art as a vehicle to uplift people, whether it be people of color, women or LGBTQ."

The students in the MMSTF are thrilled to see their hard work start to materialize after putting in over two years of hard work — work that Medina says is harder than the painting itself.

"They killed it," Medina said.



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Artist Irineo Medina's previous mural in Appleton.



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Sophomore math education student Shay Hendricks is a tutor in the soon-to-be defunded Swart 113 math lab.

Math tutoring will close at semester due to funding cuts

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Many students need supplemental help with mathematics, yet the Differential Tuition Finance Committee at UW Oshkosh has decided to cut funding for the Mathematics Tutoring Lab in Swart 113.

The Swart 113 lab, which provides tutoring for students in Math 104 and 11 other higher-level courses, will no longer be staffed following the spring 2019 semester.

UWO's Differential Tuition Finance Committee made the decision to discontinue the services provided to Swart 113 due to a lack of funds from the tuition freeze and lower enrollment rates.

The mathematics department at UWO proposes a budget to the DTFC each year and has received funding for Swart 113 every year since Jayanthi Ganapathy became the faculty supervisor of the lab in 2011.

"It wasn't a guarantee, but there was absolutely no indication that they were not going to fund it this year," Ganapathy said. "It came out of the blue, and all they would tell me as for a reason as to why is because of the tuition freeze."

Ganapathy said it will be difficult to determine what impact cutting the lab will have on students until it happens, but she is worried nonetheless.

"Many of them have told us that they depend on that kind of service," Ganapathy said.

The mathematics department chairman K.L.D. Gunawardena said the cuts will adversely impact students.

Both Swart 113 and Swart 301, which serve developmental math courses, provide students with drop-in tutoring in the same building as many mathematics courses, allowing students a great deal of flexibility.

"Oftentimes, students, either just before class or right after class when they're doing homework, they will go in there," Ganapathy said.

The decision to defund Swart 113 brings to question what financial value is placed on the success of students who receive

help from the lab.

"It's been really helpful because it's cleared a lot of concepts up that they haven't been able to fully grasp," Shay Hendricks, a tutor in the Swart 113 lab, said. "It seems like it's a foreign language to everyone, you know?"

But now students will have to look elsewhere to find the help they need to succeed in their academics.

"I think that the students who use the lab a lot are going to have a lot of problems," Ganapathy said. "The only option they have now is the Center for Academic Resources."

The DTFC's intent was for the CAR to absorb the services provided by Swart 113, although the decision was made without consulting either Ganapathy or anyone from the CAR. The first time the CAR heard anything about the change was in a phone call from UWO Provost John Koker.

"I had no idea they were doing that," CAR director Jessica Spanbauer said. "It was a bit of a surprise."

In an attempt to fulfill the need of students after cutting Swart 113, the DTFC has allocated the CAR an additional \$10,000 to expand their math tutoring. The CAR is trying to optimize the math tutoring they will offer, holding drop-in hours at the most popular times for the Swart 113 lab, but \$10,000 doesn't go a long way, Spanbauer said.

The math department and Swart 113 are skeptical of the CAR's ability to provide tutoring at the level Swart 113 has. The CAR's tutors typically provide one-on-one sessions, so a lot depends on the coordination of the student and the tutor. Ganapathy, along with several students who have provided feedback about the closing of the lab, are worried that the CAR's tutors might be too busy to help students.

"Everything depends on whether they respond or not, so it's like students needing help are at their mercy," Ganapathy said.

Hendricks said he is worried the process of finding a tutor, reaching out and scheduling an appointment at the CAR could

potentially discourage students from getting the help they need.

"It's going to be upsetting because they're not going to be able to get that help as easily as before," Hendricks said. "For students that are taking these classes, like 104 especially, I'm kind of concerned for them."

The CAR plans to offer about four hours of drop-in tutoring for Math 104 on weekdays, according to Spanbauer. Math 104 will be the only course with drop-in tutoring available as it receives the most visits at the Swart 113 lab. The CAR will also be trialling a supplemental instruction session for Math 104, something that has been popular with students in courses such as Biology 105. Students in higher-level math courses may find it more difficult to get help as they will have to rely on individual tutoring.

There is still question as to whether the CAR will be equipped to accommodate the volume of students Swart 113 see — often as many as one hundred each week. The supplemental instruction sessions may not do well as they stand in opposition to the flexibility

of the drop-in hours enjoyed by students currently.

Both Spanbauer and Ganapathy said it may not be enough for students. On the CAR's end, \$10,000 — only a third of what Swart 113 received — likely won't be sufficient to maintain the level of support students have received in the past.

"That's a very good option, but in addition to this," Ganapathy said. "Not without it; that's not going to take care of the needs of the students."

Spanbauer said that the CAR will be keeping a close eye on their data over the coming year so that they can determine if students' needs are being met and report their findings back to the DTFC.

The future of math tutoring on campus is subject to change in the future. If the DTFC is able to allocate more funds to important academic resources, the Swart 113 lab may reopen in the future, or they may choose to keep funding the CAR. Either way, the students in need of help are the guinea pigs who will be impacted by the DTFC's decision, for better or for worse.

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Upcoming events

May 2-5 — Boeing Boeing comes to Fredric March Theatre. The play follows the character Bernard who owns a flat in Paris and manipulates the schedule of three stewardesses while maintaining their relationships. Bernard's plans fall apart when his old schoolmate Robert visits and the three stewardesses arrive to his apartment at once. The May 2-4 shows begin at 7:30 p.m. The May 5 show starts at 2 p.m. Admission goes from \$5 to \$14

May 2-9 — Bachelor's of Fine Arts senior exhibit. An artist reception will be held May 2, from 6-8 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. and return 7-9 p.m. Saturday's and Sunday's hours are 1-4 p.m.

May 7 — Dementia Touches Us All - Workshop #2 Relating & Responding to People with Dementia. Prices range from \$25 to \$40. This is a three-part workshop that addresses dementia causes, symptoms, behaviors and more.

May 9 — Bye Gosh Fest returns with headlining music talent Hoodie Allen and opening music talent DJ DOM CITY. For more information about food options and the bag policy, check the Reeve Union page on the University website. The festival begins at 3:30 p.m.

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Bernard, Robert and two stewardesses fill the stage of Fredric March Theatre with their comedic personas.

Final play of the season at Fredric March Theatre

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A farce about a bachelor named Bernard who owns a flat in Paris, is engaged to three stewardesses and has an eccentric housemaid named Berthe comes to Fredric March Theatre May 2-4 at 7:30 p.m. and May 5 at 2 p.m.

The fantasy of being engaged to three stewardesses is brought to reality when Bernard keeps his relationship statuses hidden. Bernard’s plans take a turn for the worst when his old schoolmate Robert visits and all three stewardesses arrive at once.

French Italian playwright Marc Camoletti wrote “Boeing Boeing” in 1962 and playwright Beverley Cross adapted it into English in 1965. Boeing Boeing appeared in the Guinness Book of World Records in 1991 as the most-performed French play throughout the world. It ran for seven years at the Duchess Theatre starting the year Cross translated it.

The characters and their performing actors are: Bernard, an American turned Parisian Architect (Robert Reeves); Berthe, Bernard’s French housemaid (Mary Margaret Clementi); Robert, Bernard’s old schoolmate (Garrett Johnson); and the three stewardesses: Gabriella (Autumn Christensen), Gloria (Ali Basham) and Gretchen (Sami Markle).

Director Richard Kalinoski said his favorite part of the play is Berthe. “She acts as a sardonic response to the ongoing nonsense. Her world is to keep order, but she’s French and she has a lot of prejudices about Americans.”

Camoletti wrote the play to be amusing to people, Kalinoski said. “Especially in the world of stewardesses, flight attendants. Basically he invented a bunch of nonsense. Anybody who writes

to’ clip available to me, reading articles to try to understand the different vowel sounds and mouth shapes, and even downloading an app on my phone that allows me to type in any word and it’ll automatically say the word with a French accent. Huge thanks to my mom for bringing that to my attention. It’s been a Godsend.”

Kalinoski said the actors are taking to their roles with quite a bit of relish and for them, the play has been similar to a play-ground.

“They get to do all sorts of goofy stuff,” Kalinoski said. “There is a lot of kissing in it, which I am surprised they have seemed to have taken to. Most actors, especially if they have been in a serious play recently, they enjoy a farce. It is allowed to be noisier, bigger, more playful. That’s fine, that’s what the form is.”

The actors are going to have to learn during their performances, Kalinoski said. They’re going to have to hold when the audience laughs, and they’re going to be surprised when the audience laughs at things that nobody in the cast thought would be funny. “I would say all six of them are very composed on stage and tend not to get rattled.”

A critical component of the play is in the characters accents. One is from New York, one is from Germany and one is from Italy.

“The German one and the Italian one, their accents are pronounced,” Kalinoski said. “Berthe has the biggest role. The maid is very, very French. In order for the play to work, the accent doesn’t necessarily have to be great, but it has to be obvious.”

Clementi said the French accent did not come easy for her.

“I knew from the beginning that it was either going to be fantastic or a flop. It took me awhile before I started to feel comfortable enough to break it out during rehearsals. I kept working on it on my own. Watching every YouTube ‘how

to’ clip available to me, reading articles to try to understand the different vowel sounds and mouth shapes, and even downloading an app on my phone that allows me to type in any word and it’ll automatically say the word with a French accent. Huge thanks to my mom for bringing that to my attention. It’s been a Godsend.”

Clementi said she finds herself breaking into dialect while she is at home cleaning, getting dressed and doing homework. “It just comes naturally now. Knowing that I can jump into it so easily, I feel much more comfortable to present it to an audience,” Clementi said. “I’m no longer self conscious about it.”

Bernard, on the other hand, is suave, confident and a little bit eccentric.

Reeves said, “He’s so confi-

dent in himself that, as the play progresses, we see how different a man he becomes when his ideal life nearly falls apart.”

Reeves said he and his character are very different people, apart from the obvious polygamy.

“I’m rather introverted and Bernard is the opposite, and while I’d say I certainly don’t lack confidence, Bernard is on a whole different level than I am,” Reeves said. “To name a cliché, he’s definitely a character.”

“Boeing Boeing” will be the theater department’s final production of the season. The season has seen plays range from the morbid Sweeney Todd with a 60-piece orchestra, to the most recent slapstick Moon Over Buffalo, with actors coming and going on and off stage and slamming the door for effect.



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Bernard and Robert performed by UWO students Robert Reeves and Garrett Johnson in Boeing Boeing.



UWV shows a play within a play in ‘Noise Off’



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Director Susan Rabideau said the tech team in “Noise Off” was the first team assembled with the capability of pulling off a two-story set.

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The UW-Fox Valley theatre department performed Michael Frayn’s “Noises Off,” a madcap comedy that featured a play within a play.

The play depicts a cast and crew navigating the wild world of theater as they perform the fictional production “Nothing On.”

The play debuted April 18 at James W. Perry Hall on the UW-Fox Valley campus and had its final showing on April 27.

Director Susan Rabideau said the comedy was the audience’s most requested play, and the production was a huge undertaking because it featured a massive two-story set.

“This was the first time we had a tech team that was capable of pulling it off,” Rabideau said.

She said the set had to spin between acts because act one took place during the play’s dress rehearsal while act two took place backstage on the play’s opening night, and act three is a production toward the end of the show’s run.

“It’s just super heavy, super expensive to build and very difficult because you need all of the doors to open and close properly,” Rabideau said.

Rabideau said “Noises Off” is a story about love triangles and how they can get in the way of a production. The first act everything goes poorly for the characters, the second act focuses on the interpersonal relationships and the third act shows how the play has derailed.

“It’s also sort of about how crazy this world can be and how difficult it is to do all of the things you have to do to get a show out,” Rabideau said.

Set designer James Frelich said he was responsible for collaborating with the creative team to construct the enormous set for the play.

“The best part about being involved with the theater at UW-Fox and specifically this production was being able to see a concept that I helped create with the production team go from paper to stage,” Felich said.

Frelich said the play required him to work a lot of late nights in order to have the set ready for opening night.

“Finishing the building, completing the painting and programming the lighting all seemed to come down to the wire,” Frelich said.

Stage manager Frank Tower said “Noises Off” was a complex show to pull off because of the moving set and the fact that actors had to perform both on and off stage.

“It’s a show I’ve always wanted to stage manage for,” Tower said. “Seeing all that complexity come together with actors and technicians delivering a seamless, hilarious audience experience has been the best part.”

Rabideau said this was the most difficult production she’s been a part of because of the massive set and because actors had to memorize different variations of the same lines for each act of the play.

“With any production it’s getting all of your elements to align, your actors, your costumes, your sets, your technicians,” she said. “It’s sort of like bringing together a family that doesn’t always get along.”

Rabideau said the most rewarding part of this play was seeing the audience come together for a night of laughs.

“I think that’s the beauty of this show is that your rubbing arms with someone you may not agree with politically or religiously, but you can both come together and laugh,” Rabideau said.

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Rugby claims second place at 7s tourney

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The UW Oshkosh women’s rugby team took home second place at UW-Eau Claire’s Iron Woman 7s tournament on Saturday in Eau Claire.

The Titans, who have placed either first or second in all three of their competitions so far this spring season, split up into two teams, Oshkosh Gold and Oshkosh Black, for the nine-team tournament.

Oshkosh Black defeated UW-Stevens Point 22-12 in their opening match before dominating the Blugolds on home turf 25-10.

With the two wins, Oshkosh Black advanced to represent the Titans in the championship round against Eau Claire.

The Titans came up short 25-15 to the Blugolds, sending UWO home with a second-place trophy.

Oshkosh Gold went 0-2 in their weekend matchups against UW-Whitewater and DePaul University (Ill.), losing 15-12 to the Warhawks and 24-12 to the Blue Demons, respectively.

Senior forward Olivia Juel of the Oshkosh Black led all Titans with 22 points totaled over three games, including a 10-point performance in their second matchup against Eau Claire.

Juel said it all comes down to the team’s effort that allows her to have tournaments like this one.

“As someone who has played a few years, I’ve learned to view the field a little differently to check for holes where breakaways



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UW Oshkosh defender chases down a Warhawk forward. Oshkosh Black went 0-2 and Oshkosh Gold 2-1 at UW-Eau Claire’s Iron Women 7s tournament.

Event: UW Oshkosh Rugby team hosts the annual Promball match at East Hall.

Note: Promball matches will be played in prom dresses.

Date: Saturday, May 4 at 9 a.m.

Track and field finalizes preparations for WIAC Championship

by Evan Moris

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The UW Oshkosh men’s and women’s track and field teams competed in three invites in three cities in preparation for the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship at UW-Platteville.

The top performers from the track and field roster traveled to Des Moines, Iowa, to compete at the renowned Drake Relays last Thursday through Saturday.

In Des Moines, Justin Skinkis and Jonathan Wilburn brought home fourth-place finishes. Skinkis led a pack of three UWO entries in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:52.88. Teammates Steven Potter and Nick Freitag took eighth and eleventh place with times of 1:53.30 and 1:53.73, respectively.

Wilburn continued his impressive freshman year as he skipped a distance of 49-6 1/2 feet in the triple jump. Wilburn is currently ranked second in D-III.

Titan pole vaulter Joe Vils captured a fifth-place finish, clearing a height of 15-9. Vils is ranked No. 2 in D-III with a height of 16-9 1/2.

Vils said the challenge of the Drake Relays pushed him to set his sights higher.

“It’s definitely going to push me to do a lot more than I’m used to,” Vils said. “Try new things, get on bigger poles. Great experience to surround myself with a lot of great athletes.”

Three other individual performances for the men in Iowa came from Bailey Quinn in the hammer throw, Jack Flynn in the discus and Robert Ogbuli in the 100-meter dash.

Quinn took 19th out of 23 participants with a distance of 177-8, Flynn took 23rd with a measurement 150-11 and Ogbuli finished 32nd with a time of 11.13 seconds.

In the preliminary 400-meter relay team of Ogbuli, Benjamin Jung, Christian Lopez and Ryan Powers finished with the third-best time at 41.50 seconds. The relay team declined to run in the finals.

The 1,600-meter relay team of Powers, Potter, Skinkis and Todd Beadle finished 14th with a time of 3:15.16.

Powers said the he’s reached the point in his career where he knows every track and how to take advantage of it.

“Being a senior, I have been to just

about every track meet we have on the schedule,” Powers said. “I know the way things run and how to get good performances down.”

The Titans will conclude their season by hosting UWO’s annual Promball 7s tournament this Saturday.

Promball is played in prom dresses and will be held at the East Hall Fields on the UWO campus. The seven-team tournament has free admission and will start at 9 a.m. and go until 1:20 p.m.

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The women had two individual performers at the Drake Relays: Lauren Wensch in the long jump and Alexandria Steger in the javelin throw.

Nationally ranked Wensch finished 16th out of 26 competitors with a measurement of 18-10 feet, and Steger finished 24th of 28 competitors with a toss of 116-0 feet.

UWO women’s 1600-meter relay of Wensch, Alexandra Demco, Lindsay Denu and Taylor Pralle recorded the 13th fastest time in D-III with a time of 3:54.27, a good time for a 14th place finish at the Drake Relays.

As a senior, Wensch said she’s taken the responsibility to guide this team as the meets heat up.

“I was selected as one of the team captains, and it’s a role I took very seriously,” Wensch said. “Some of the more important things I have helped with is working to motivate the underclassmen and showing them how far their hard work can get them.”

Oshkosh athletes competed at two other events, Simpson College Kip Janvrin Open and the UW-Whitewater Drake Alternative Meet.

At the Simpson College Kip Janvrin Open, Andrew George recorded a time of 9:31.55 to finish seventh in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, and Cody Chadwick took 14th in the 5,000-meter with a time of 15:17.58.

Titan participant Hannah Lohrenz took fifth in the 800-meter run at 2:17.32.

The UW-Whitewater Drake Alternative Meet featured several top-four finishes from the UWO men’s and women’s track and field teams.

For the men, Jackson Sheckler and Nick Tegtmeyer finished first and second in the shotput with distances of 53-7 and 52-6, respectively.

Abel Christiansen and Jamyle Brantley finished second in the 400-meter hurdles and long jump.

Christensen finished with a time of 55.94 and Brantley leaped a distance of 23-9 1/2. Christensen also finished fourth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.10 seconds.

Flynn, Devin Moody, Noah O’Neill and Avery Van Zee all finished fourth in their respective events.

Flynn took fourth in the discus throw with a distance of 153-6, Moody cleared a height of 6-3 1/4 in

the high jump, O’Neill finished with a time of 4:12.46 in the 1,500-meter run and Van Zee threw the javelin in a measurement of 148-1.

On the women’s side, Isabella Samuels finished first in the women’s shotput with a measurement of 45-7 1/2. Samuels is currently ranked third in D-III.

The women’s hammer throw featured two top-four finishes with Mikaela Zolecki and Kahley Logan. Zolecki finished second with a distance of 160-1 as Logan took fourth at 147-4.

Morgan Endries and Melissa Srnka each finished second in Whitewater. Edries took second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.80 seconds while Srnka finished with a time of 2.22.80 in the 800-meter dash. Endries also finished third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.27 seconds.

The final top-four finish came from Michaela Barrette in the discus with a measurement of 122-2 feet.

The UWO men’s and women’s track and field teams will travel to UW-Platteville to compete at the WIAC Outdoor Championships this Friday and Saturday.

Women’s golf concludes season

by Ally Gwidt

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The UW Oshkosh women’s golf team traveled to Rock Island, Illinois, last weekend where they placed ninth out of 13 teams.

After the opening round of the event was canceled due to inclement weather, teams had only one round to record the best scores they could.

Freshman Margherite Pettenuzzo led the Titans as she shot an 81 on Sunday to take 13th place.

Pettenuzzo said she knew the first round was going to be cancelled so she was that much more motivated to golf well in her last event of the year.

“I knew going into the weekend that the first day of the tournament was canceled,” Pettenuzzo said. “I wanted to make sure I left everything out there that I could on Sunday because it was the last tournament of my freshman year, and I wanted to end on a round I was proud of.”

Teammate and senior Ireland

Dunne was seven shots behind Pettenuzzo as a score of 88 gave her 37th place.

Dunne said playing well in the last round of her career was important to her.

“For me, it was everything,” Dunne said. “I personally was disappointed in myself for the way my fall senior season went. I just didn’t play well, so for me ending my college golf career with a great or decent round was extremely important to me.”

Rounding out the Titan golfers were junior Sophia Mazurek in 45th, freshman Mackenzie Retzlaff in 55th and sophomore Claire Hamburg in 66th.

Head coach Liza Ruetten said the team played on a tough course and in windy conditions but did well despite that fact.

“All five players did a fantastic job of handling the tough hills of Highland Springs Golf Course in windy conditions,” Ruetten said. “Wind and rain were our two biggest opponents all season. Highland Springs is a challenging course, and all

five were playing it for the first time in their Titan careers.”

Pettenuzzo said the seniors on the squad have helped her in her first season as a Titan.

“The seniors on this golf team have been incredible people to look up to and learn from,” Pettenuzzo said. “As a freshman, Ireland and Kayla both made an effort to make me feel comfortable, and they told me everything I needed to know when I needed to know it. They will definitely be missed by the rest of the team next year.”

Dunne said she will look back on her junior year as one of her favorite memories playing on the team.

“Something I look back on fondly would definitely be my junior year, fall season,” Dunne said. “It was just a lot of fun for me. I was playing great golf, we played some amazing courses [and] being able to travel with the team every weekend was something I was proud of. There were a lot of great memories on those trips.”

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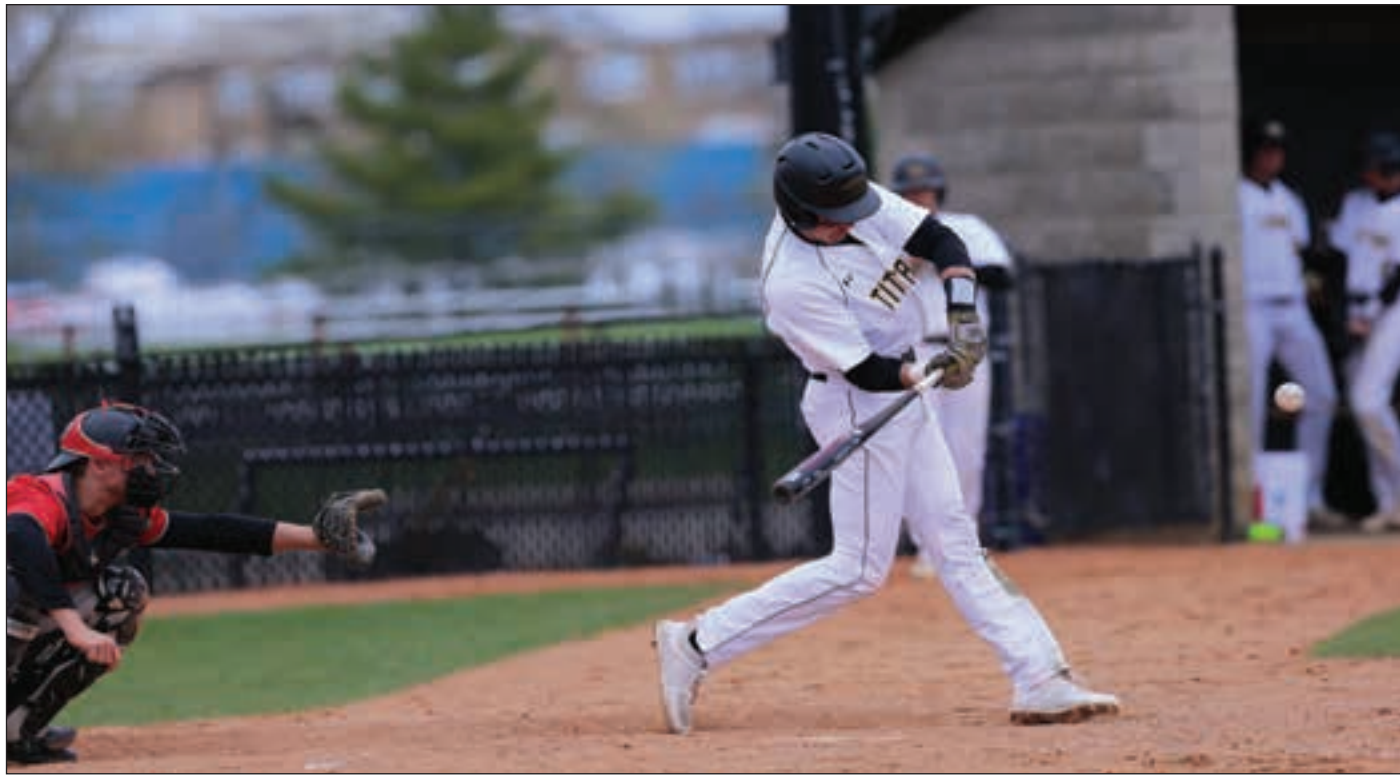
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Outfielder Zack Radde swings at a pitch, accounting for his single hit in a 12-1 loss to Ripon College.

Baseball falls to Ripon College

by Alexis Durkee

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As the post-season approaches, the UW Oshkosh baseball team remains focused on improving their game after coming off of a two-game loss.

Ripon College defeated UWO 5-0 in the opener and 12-1 in seven innings during the second game on Saturday in Oshkosh.

The Red Hawks started the opening game with a two-run homer hit by Michael Barnes in the first inning.

Titan's Alex Koch, Matt McNabb, Dylan Ott, Jonathan Selchow and Hunter Staniske all had team-leading two hits during the first game.

Ott played all nine positions as he started the contest at catcher and ended at short-stop. Ott played at least one full inning at each position besides pitcher, where he recorded one out and walked one batter in his collegiate pitching debut during the ninth inning in the first contest of the day.

Titan pitcher Colan Tremml is on the way to becoming the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's all-time leader with

297 career innings pitched. After striking out five batters in this contest, Tremml has now moved into seventh in D-III history with 239 strikeouts and ninth with 24 wins.

"As a team, we are working on being better situational hitters as well as locating our pitches better on the mound," Tremml said. "You can never stop improving in the game of baseball, so we are working everyday to become the best we possibly can."

Tremml said he is honored to move into seventh place on the all-time strikeouts list but has his sights set higher.

"It feels great to earn this accomplishment," Tremml said. "The constant hours of practicing and working are paying off. However, being first in WIAC history for strikeouts would feel a lot better."

With plenty of innings left to pitch, Tremml said he plans to work his way up the history books for career strikeouts with a strong defense behind him.

After the Titans tallied ten errors against the Red Hawks, left fielder Chris Atwood said the team needs to work on eliminating

poor play.

"As a team, we know our jobs and what we need to do to win games," Atwood said. "As we move forward, we will remain focused on making the plays when they come to us."

Freshman catcher Kade Bohlman said coach preaches defense and the team knows what it needs to do to win games.

"Defense wins games," Bohlman said. "These next four games are crucial for us. We will be focusing on doing the little things right, as coach would say."

"I want to see our team come together and finish the season strong. Each individual on our team plays an important role and without them, we can't succeed," Tremml said. "We all know that we have what it takes to beat anybody in our conference, we just need to put it all together and make it happen."

Due to the weather, the game against Wisconsin Lutheran College on last Tuesday was postponed. The Titans will travel to Platteville to start their four game series against UW- Platteville on Friday.

Tennis ends season against Whitewater

by Billy Piotrowski

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The 2018-2019 UW Oshkosh tennis season is in the books. Titans finished their season with a 5-11 record, going 3-3 in conference play during the 2018 half of the season.

The season wrapped up last Saturday at the Janesville Athletic Club, where Oshkosh faced rival UW-Whitewater in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Team Championship. Oshkosh fell 5-0 to the Warhawks in their first round matchup, losing a trio of doubles matches and a pair of singles matches.

Tournament matches are very fast paced and a far cry from a regular season dual. The day begins with a trio of doubles matches, concluding with six singles matches; the first team to reach five victories is then declared the winner.

Titan head coach Robert Henshaw commented on the urgency and strategy that goes into a Team Championship matchup.

"Tournament matches are essentially a race to five points," Henshaw said. "At that point (when a team reaches five points), any match that is still being played is stopped. Knowing this, our emphasis going into the tournament was doubles. I thought that we had a chance to pull out a victory or two during our doubles matches, but we would have to play our best. Both our number two and three doubles played great but could not sustain their play throughout the entire match."

The Titan doubles of junior Alyssa Leffler/freshman Michelle Spicer, junior Sami Koppa/senior Hannah Peters, and freshman Taylor Johnson/senior Ashlee Polena were defeated 8-0, 8-3 and 8-2, respectively.

Saturday also marked the last game on the court for Peters and Polena in Titan black and gold. Peters fell 6-1, 6-0 in her singles match, and Polena's didn't start

due to Whitewater winning the race to five.

Even though things didn't go her way against the Warhawks, Polena was positive when reflecting on the season and looking forward.

"The best moments from this season were getting wins we weren't expected to get, getting a great new team, and having the best last season I could have," Polena said. "It will be sad not to be out there with them next season, but I am always going to be a big supporter of UWO Tennis."

It was an emotional day for Henshaw and Koppa as well. For Henshaw, he was watching the first player at UWO that he coached for four years.

"[Polena] is playing the best tennis of her life," Henshaw said. "She has been fun to coach and has certainly left her mark on the culture and personality of our team."

Koppa agreed; she, Leffler and Polena had been teammates since Koppa joined the team as a freshman in 2016.

"My favorite moment of the day was seeing our two seniors, Hannah and Ashlee, play their last matches," Koppa said, "and see them appreciate every moment of it."

After an emotional spring conclusion, the focus for the UWO tennis team shifts to the 2019-2020 season. This spring season may not have gone the way the team had hoped, but Henshaw is very excited for what next season will bring.

"I'm looking forward to a fresh start," Henshaw said. "We had good moments in our spring, but those moments did not translate into the wins I was expecting that we would get. We have some terrific players returning next year. Some of our freshmen, and first-year competitors, got great experience this spring too. We are in good shape to have a lot of success in 2019 and 2020."

Lewis sheds interim tag

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The UW Oshkosh athletic department officially named Matt Lewis the men's basketball program head coach.

After serving as the team's top assistant coach for six seasons, Lewis was offered the interim head coaching job last season after former head coach Pat Juckem filled the head coaching vacancy at Washington University-St. Louis.

Under Lewis, the team played its way to a national championship last season where they won the program's first championship in its 121-year history. The team set school records with 29 wins, 2,715 points, 961 made field goals, 2,018 field goal attempts, 1,308 rebounds, 325 made 3-pointers, 866 3-point attempts, 148 blocks and a 21-game winning streak.

Lewis, along with candidate Matthew Raidbard, were interviewed and considered for the job.

Raidbard served as an assistant for Division I programs at Florida Gulf Coast University, Dartmouth College and Chicago State but Lewis' roots in the program and national championship season secured him the job.

Lewis gave his players all the credit for the team's success last season and his ability to win the job.

"It's the guys," Lewis said. "We're fortunate to have incredible guys — high character kids that love basketball and that have put a lot of work into it. It's our job to continue to recruit more of [those type of guys]."

Athletic director Daryl Sims said there were many factors that led to the committee choosing Lewis as the head coach of the program.

"We looked at obviously what he did as an assistant, how he's transitioned over as the interim coach, how he's managed the basketball team and his relationship with the student athletes," Sims said. "How he's worked in the



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Head coach Matt Lewis locked in at the 2019 D-III championship. Lewis went 29-3 in his first season.

department with the other coaches and administrators and certainly the production — the success that we had factored into it as well."

Lewis said the team didn't dwell on the interim tag he had during last season.

"I thought I had a good shot," Lewis said. "I had confidence in what we were doing and who we had coming back and also, we needed to play well. We didn't focus on it. We were all about just trying to be as good as we could be."

Senior guard Ben Boots said he's looking forward to watching the program grow under Lewis in the coming years.

"I'm really excited for the future of UW Oshkosh basketball," Boots said. "With Coach Lewis leading the way there is no ceiling to the success that future teams will be able to achieve. Coach Lewis has a phenomenal understanding of the game and how to build and develop strong relationships with his players on and off the court."

Now that he has secured the head coaching job, Lewis said there will not be any added pressure for him and the team to perform next year.

"There's always pressure," Lewis said. "You put expectations on yourself but we're not going to get caught up in, 'now he's full-time and

not interim.' We're just excited about who we have on the roster and us moving forward. We think Titan basketball is in a good place right now."

Lewis has had roles in the basketball programs of Rhodes College (Tenn.), Cornell College (Iowa) and NCAA Division I Tulane University (La.).

Sims said he is very confident in Lewis' abilities and feels like the program is in good hands.

"The future looks very bright right now," Sims said. "Matt has certainly demonstrated he can coach at this level at a very high level. He's done a very good job with recruits. We certainly have a lot more kids interested in the program than before. I like the direction that he's taken the program."

Boots said Lewis' personality makes him a great coach and this quality allows him to create lasting relationships with his players.

"Coach Lewis is an extremely positive and enthusiastic person on and off the floor," Boots said. "He is truly a great guy, someone that everyone should admire and to me is not only my former coach, but also a great friend. He is more than capable to lead this program for many years to come."

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Softball clinches postseason berth

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The UW Oshkosh softball team went 2-2 last week in doubleheaders versus UW-Eau Claire and UW-River Falls.

The Titans claimed the fifth and final spot in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship tournament after sweeping both the opener, 5-4, and the nightcap, 9-1, against the Falcons Sunday in River Falls.

In game one, UWO took an early lead with two RBIs at the top of the third inning.

The Titans went on to score another one after junior Acacia Tupa hit a single to center field driving home sophomore Kailee Garstecki in the fourth.

River Falls answered with two runs scored in the fifth to close the Titans' lead to one run, 3-2.

UWO and River Falls exchanged two runs during the final two innings to yield a one-point Titan victory in the opener.

In game two, UWO and River Falls matched each other's one run-in in the first frame, tied 1-1.

It was not until a five-run fourth inning that the Titans pulled away with a 6-1 lead. The Falcons remained scoreless the rest of the game as UWO rallied for a four-run fifth frame to force a five-inning game.

Both innings included three-run home runs from Tupa in the fourth and Sydney Budzinski in the fifth.

The Titans opened their two-game stretch with back-to-back losses to the Blugolds on Friday at home.

In game one, the score remained 1-0 in Eau Claire's favor through the first four innings until UWO stepped up with two RBIs during the fifth.

The Titans had zero runs

marked in the final two frames while the Blugolds went off for two runs in the sixth and one in the seventh, granting Eau Claire a 4-2 victory over UWO.

Game two played out in similar fashion with an early Eau Claire lead after the Blugolds plated two runners during the first inning.

UWO answered with a run-in during the fourth and a four-run inning in the fifth to give the Titans a 5-2 lead heading into the top of the sixth.

UWO and UWEC exchanged a run apiece in the sixth frame to maintain the Titans' three-point lead, but the Blugolds' late four-run seventh-frame rally gave them the 7-6 victory over Oshkosh.

Head coach Scott Beyer said despite losing those two crucial games to the Blugolds, it was exactly the kind of pressure the Titans needed to take on UWRF for that final WIAC Championship spot.

"We might have lost twice versus Eau Claire, but we played two really good games against them," Beyer said. "There are no 'good' losses, but we definitely learned from what we did well that day and carried that over into a must-win situation against River Falls."

The Titans will begin WIAC Championship play in Whitewater on Friday with game one against the fourth-seeded UW-La Crosse at 10 a.m.

The winner of game one will face the No. 1 seed UW-Whitewater on Friday at 2 p.m. The loser of game one competes against the loser of game two, which is played against the second-seed UW-Eau Claire and third-seed UW-Platteville at noon on Friday.

First base senior Kaitlyn Krol said the Titans are more ready than ever before



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ABOVE: Abby Menting celebrates with her team at home plate after her fourth-inning homerun versus UW-Eau Claire.
BELOW: Jordan Manthei position herself at first base. Manthei has committed zero errors in the 2019 softball season.

to chase down that elusive WIAC title.

"We have every opportunity to win the conference tournament and get a bid to the NCAA tournament," Krol said. "This year's team is the hardest-working team that I have played with in my four years of college softball, and I cannot think of a team that deserves success more than the other 18 girls on this softball team do."

UWO concluded its 2019 regular season with an overall record of 21-15 and a 7-7 record in conference play.

Last year, the Titans finished second with a 10-2 record in WIAC play and managed a 26-14 record overall. The Titans also made it to the championship round of the WIAC tournament in the 2018 season where they lost

6-5 to the top seed UWW.

Beyer said despite being the bottom seed, he remains confident in his team heading into the postseason tournament.

"We need to continue to play our game, our way," Beyer said. "We have played very well against all the teams in the WIAC tournament, and we are confident this weekend that we can be a fifth seed and win the whole thing."

Event: UW Oshkosh plays UW-La Crosse in the WIAC Conference Tournament at at Van Steenderen Softball Complex in Whitewater.

Date: Friday, May 3 at 10 a.m.



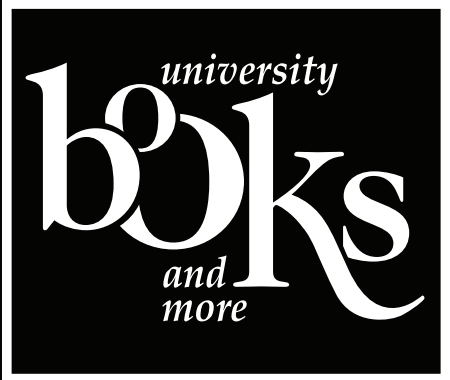
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