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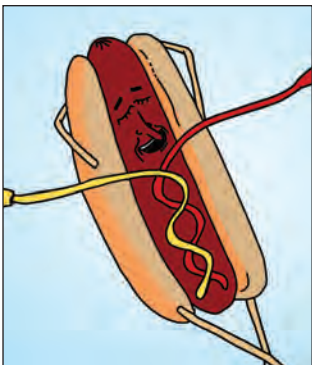
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5K for mental health awareness



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Community members, UWO students and staff participate in the annual 5K for mental health and suicide awareness at Oshkosh North High School.



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Seven hundred participants showed up for the annual 5K for Mental Health and Suicide Awareness at Oshkosh North High School last Saturday.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness hosted the 5K. NAMI provides education, advocacy and support to help people cope with mental illness.

NAMI Executive Director Mary Lord Janness said the organization started in the 1970s in Madison.

"It was started by two women whose sons suffered from schizophrenia," Janness said. "They were looking for better care for their sons. They decided to have a national conference, and they felt they had a small crowd that turned out to be hundreds of people, and by the end of that conference, they started a national organization."

The event is designed to raise awareness of mental health issues and to assist with funding NAMI Oshkosh's efforts towards local prevention, education and advocacy in Winnebago County.

Janness said the 5K run was started by a woman who lost her son to suicide.

"After a few years it got to be too much for her, and she gave it to NAMI to do," Janness said. "We've been doing it for the last several years."

Participant Lawrence Brock said he wanted to run because he had a family member pass away due to mental health issues.

"It's important to run just to be supportive and raise awareness," Brock said. "It's good to get more people involved in these things."

Participant Tracy Hans said she ran for her cousin who lost his battle to mental health and committed suicide in 2014 at the age of 17.

"Since 2015, we have been doing a team every year for him," Hans said. "These runs spread awareness, and we need to end the stigma that it is so bad to talk about when you have issues and when people are struggling and for people to get help when they need it instead of

taking their own life."

Welcome speaker and former running back for the San Francisco 49ers and Green Bay Packers Harry Sydney said people have to understand they can all make a difference.

"It all starts with one person," Sydney said. "When you walk in and go out there, trying to make a difference, you can change things. I can change things. But it starts with one person, regardless of how big or small."

Singer-songwriter Camille Rae, who performed at the event, said a little over a year ago, someone who meant a lot to her took their own life.

"It's very hard to deal with. There aren't enough answers," Rae said. "We just have to love each other, we have to see what's going

"We need to end the stigma that it is so bad to talk about when you have issues and when people are struggling and for people to get help when they need it instead of taking their own life."

— Tracy Hans

Participant

on, ask them if they're okay. You are so loved, no matter how alone you may feel."

Hans said she encourages more people to participate in runs.

"I do the one in Fond du Lac, and we do this one every year," Hans said. "We try to get as many people as possible."

Sydney said everybody has the power to make a difference and support one another.

"Every little bit helps," Sydney said. "Be the person that makes a difference. Today, you have a beautiful day. Make it the start of something special."

To find out more on how you can support NAMI and get people the help and support they need, visit namioshoshkosh.org.

Geology professor shares his survival story

by Joseph Schulz

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Valentine's Day 2008 started out as a day like any other for Joseph Peterson, but in a matter of minutes, it turned into a day that will be ingrained in his memory for the rest of his life.

Peterson was a graduate student at Northern Illinois University working toward his Ph.D. He was teaching an oceanography class for non-geology majors when his life was forever changed.

With about 10 minutes left in his lecture and about 200 students packed in the lecture hall, the door behind him opened, which wasn't anything out of the ordinary. It was the middle of winter, and Peterson said it was common for students to try to cut through the lecture hall to avoid the bitter cold.

When he turned to tell the man entering to leave, he realized it was far worse than a student

trying to keep warm. "I was just turning to say, 'We need to wait,' and he started firing into the auditorium with a 12-gauge sawed-off shotgun," Peterson said.

The first thing that went through his mind was, "This has to be some kind of drill." He didn't want to believe what was happening. It was Valentine's Day and he had married his wife a few months earlier, so his second thought was, "If I die, my wife is going to kill me."

He was on stage, 15 feet away from the gunman who was dressed in all black with a shirt that had an AK-47 on it and the word "terrorist" scrawled across the top.

The gunman didn't say a word, he just fired and kept firing. Peterson's first move was to try the door opposite the gunman, which was locked.

"I later found out it was a closet so it wouldn't've helped me," Peterson said.

He then jumped off the stage,

crouched behind a podium, looked out into the crowd and saw students running for their lives.

Peterson said, "It was just completely congested, people were crawling on their elbows, trying to escape."

The gunman fired four more times, and as he started to reload, Peterson made a break for it. "I kept my eye on him the entire time and we made eye contact," he said.

As he ran for his life, the gunman dropped the shotgun, pulled out a GLOCK 9 mm, and shot Peterson in the shoulder.

"I realized I'd been shot, and I realized I wasn't dead, so I kept running," he said.

He made it out of the building and ran next door. He said that once he was inside he went running down the hallway of that building, telling everybody in every classroom, "Lock the doors, turn the lights off, call 911."

He eventually ran into an office, where he handed an intern a notepad and pen, telling him to write down everything he told them. He told the intern everything he saw.

"I didn't really know a lot about guns at the time, so I was like 'tactical shotgun,' I didn't even know what that meant, but that's what I told him," Peterson said.

Peterson waited about 30 more minutes until the police arrived. They pulled him into another room where he told the story again. He said they didn't notice his wound at first.

"The gunshot wound that I sustained was luckily a graze," Peterson said.

He was then taken to the hospital and later discovered that it was only his classroom that was attacked.

"He wasn't a student of mine," Peterson said. "He was a former student from NIU who graduated, who had gone down to cen-

tral Illinois for grad school."

He said the shooter was battling mental illness, had 18 prior suicide attempts and had been in and out of mental health institutions.

"The reason he chose my classroom on that day at that time is because when he was a student, he was a teaching assistant for a class in sociology in that building, in that room at that time," Peterson said. "He knew on this day there'll be about 200 people in that room." Because the shooter used to teach in that exact room, he knew the backway in.

Peterson said minutes after he got out of the lecture hall, the gunman jumped off the stage, walked down the aisles and shot 13 more students, killing five before taking his own life.

Peterson spent the next few months going to counseling. He said after struggling through this experience, he thought to himself, "All right, I need to get back



JOSEPH PETERSON

to life; otherwise, this person's taken more."

He said the experience sticks with him.

"It's always there, but you learn to manage," Peterson said.

Peterson said he doesn't have flashbacks or breakdowns because of the incident, except

UWFDL, UWFV make tree-mendous progress



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LEFT: UWFDL students help plant trees. **RIGHT:** Pictured (left to right): Gilberto Castaneda, UWFDL student; Brian Kolstad, president, FDL City Council; Martin Rudd, vice chancellor, UWFDL and UWFV; Brendan Stormo, past-president, FDL Morning Rotary; and Erik Janssen, UWFDL student plant trees.

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UW-Fox Valley was named a tree campus by the Arbor Day Foundation for the seventh year in a row for its efforts in forestry and sustainability.

Tree Campus USA has five standards that colleges and universities have to comply with in order to be dubbed a tree campus, according to its website.

The website said tree campuses are required to have a Campus Tree Advisory Committee, a campus tree care

plan, a campus tree program with dedicated annual expenditures, Arbor Day observance and a service learning project.

Assistant Chancellor for Access Campuses Martin Rudd said UWFV is one of several hundred tree campuses in the U.S. Rudd said UWFV has an expansive tree care plan.

“That’s a plan for all of the trees on the campus that can include things like pruning diseased trees, correct techniques at mulching, watering new trees,” Rudd said.

Rudd said UWFV has an oversight committee that includes community members, students and faculty members.

“In the case of UWFV, it’s the city of Menasha arborist who sits on our committee providing oversight of the management of the trees,” Rudd said.

UWFV also directs financial resources towards tree management as required by tree campus USA, Rudd said.

“We can put that in terms of labor, or materials, new tree costs and tree care that

we would do on campus,” he said.

Rudd said most importantly, tree campuses are required to get students involved with a service learning project.

“We took a class of students from Jason Mills’ biology class to help plant trees around Clovis Grove park,” Rudd said. “Together with some third graders, we planted more than 20 trees.”

Rudd said while Fox Valley is a tree campus, UW-Fond du Lac is not, but administrators are working to change that.

“We had an Arbor Day cel-

ebration [at UWFDL] so we could begin that process of getting recognized as a tree campus,” Rudd said.

Director of Communications for the Access Campuses Laurie Krasin said UWF-DL students, faculty and staff celebrated Arbor Day on April 26 by planting a tree near the University Center.

“The Fond du Lac Morning Rotary also supported the planting of 30 trees along University Drive recently to further enhance the campus grounds,” Krasin said.

Rudd said the access cam-

puses’ sustainability efforts go beyond tree management, such as the green roof on top of the communication arts center at the UWFV campus.

“There are plants on the roof that don’t require maintenance,” Rudd said. “They absorb water in the form of snow or rain and help mitigate the runoff from large structures.”

Rudd said UWFV also has solar panels on the roof of the engineering building.

“We just received some information on how much

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Counseling Center earns IACS accreditation

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The UW Oshkosh Counseling Center has been accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS), which is considered the highest standard available for campus counseling centers.

UWO Counseling Center director Sandra Cox said accreditation is a formal process that provides awareness of the work done by the counseling center staff.

“Accreditation means we have guidelines and standards to ensure we provide quality services and best practice programs and services,” Cox said. “IACS provides those standards and peer reviews to ensure we are meeting the highest standards of university

counseling services and to provide feedback and support to continue to grow.”

Cox said they began transforming their services a few years ago to be in-line with the best practices and standards and completed an extensive application for review.

“After the application approval, we were approved for the second step of a site visit by IACS accreditors to delve deeper into how we function, the services we provide students and the outcomes of our work with students at UWO,” Cox said. “After we passed the site visit, we were reviewed by the IACS board and received approval for accreditation.”

Cox said accreditation is valuable because a widespread association supports the work of the counseling center.

“This is important because it means

that the national organization that creates the standards and best practices for university counseling centers endorses the work of the counseling center at UWO,” Cox said. “It also provides important ongoing feedback for national benchmarking and best practices and standards.”

Cox said the counseling center has a positive impact on the well-being and success of students.

“An accredited college counseling center ensures that we continue to grow in our services, validates the good work we do and assists in accountability for the work we do with students,” Cox said. “This is all very good for students for quality services at our center.”

UWO staff counselor Kristine Campbell said she is proud of the Counseling Center for this achievement.

“I can say that I’m very happy with our accreditation and the services we’re able to provide to our students,” Campbell said.

Cox said the IACS was pleased with the Counseling Center’s techniques and invited them to share their methods.

“I think it’s important to note that the feedback we received indicated that they were very impressed with our team and encouraged us to promote our wellness approach and services to other university counseling centers,” Cox said. “They viewed us as a model for new best practices in a wellness approach.”

UWO acting Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Art Munin said this is another accolade that indicates how much thoughtful planning goes into creating services that help enable student success.

“This should communicate to students that the services offered at the Counseling Center are of the highest quality,” Munin said. “Our staff of counselors are dedicated to offering the absolute best care and support to our UW Oshkosh community.”

Munin said the accreditation indicates the staff provides excellent resources for students.

“This incredible achievement reflects the stellar leadership of Sandy Cox as the director of the Counseling Center,” Munin said. “Under her leadership and with the hard work of her amazing staff, the Counseling Center has become a vital support service for students at UW Oshkosh.”

Talk Better Together event addresses hate on campus

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UW Oshkosh held Talk Better Together last Thursday, an event providing a space for students to discuss ways to unite against hate.

Talk Better Together was intended to follow up April’s Moving Past Hate event where a former white supremacist and a witness to a hate crime shared their story of building a friendship with forgiveness.

The original date of Talk Better Together was canceled due to weather, and with recent hateful acts taking place on campus, the event focused on building the community rather than discussing the previous event.

UWO director of campus ministry and co-host of Talk Better Together Katie Grooms said meeting hate with hate is not going to change anything.

“We talked some about the events on campus with some of the images from one of the students and how the actions by the student were hateful actions, but the response to that student was also hateful to some degree,” Grooms said.

The event provided a safe

space, a place for mutual respect, where students could have in-depth discussions about themselves and their community to better understand each other.

Grooms said the vibe of the room was very nervous at first, but later the students began to loosen up.

“I would say it was very nervous at the beginning, but I think it was very anticipatory, everyone was wondering ‘What’s this actually going to be, what am I going to have to talk about,’” Grooms said. “By the end, it was a really relaxed atmosphere.”

To begin the event, students were asked to agree to a community conduct agreement, encouraging them to practice being humble, be present in the moment, speak truthfully, know when to step up or step back, assume good intentions and be respectful of others.

The students were then asked to form a concentric circle dialogue, a circle with two rows of people who would engage in conversation with one another.

After this, the students introduced themselves with an icebreaker conversation stating their name, their role at UWO, favorite road trip snack and fa-



CHERYL GREEN
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UW Oshkosh Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Cheryl Green, currently serving as the interim chancellor at UW-Whitewater, has been named one of three finalists for the permanent chancellor position at UWW.

UWW former chancellor Beverly Kopper resigned after her husband was banned from campus due to several sexual harassment complaints, according to an article by Channel 3000.

Six days after being named one of the finalists, Guiyou Huang withdrew his consideration for the position. UWW posted an update regarding his withdrawal but did not mention a reason why he dropped out.

Green named finalist for UWW position

It is unclear if the UWO Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs position will be refilled

The other two finalists are Dwight Watson, provost and vice president of student affairs at Southwest Min-

nesota State University and Philip Way, provost and vice president for academic and student affairs at Slippery Rock University.

Each candidate will participate in a separate public forum to directly interact with students, faculty, staff and community members of UWW.

UW System President Ray Cross and the Special Re-

“We wish her all the best in the ongoing search process.”
— **Andrew Leavitt**
Chancellor

gent Committee will interview finalists next Friday, according to a UW System press release sent April 30. They will recommend one candidate to the full Board of Regents, which must approve the appointment.

UWO Chancellor Andrew Leavitt said he cannot comment if Green will be replaced if chosen at this time.

In a mass email, Leavitt said Green has been an outstanding leader and has served UWO and UWW very well.

“We wish her all the best in the ongoing search process,” Leavitt said in the email.

Green did not respond for comment when contacted by the Advance-Titan.

‘Reproductive writes’ analyzed with blackout poetry

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The UW Oshkosh Women’s Advocacy Council worked with the Assisted Reproductive Technology of Infertility last Thursday to relieve stress before finals and educate the community about reproductive rights.

Dr. Maria Novotny is from the English department and is a co-founder of the ART of Infertility. She explained the organization’s goals with educating the public and advocating for reproductive rights.

“It encompasses rights to alternative family building, things like adoption and fertility treatments,” Novotny said. “There are a lot of laws that can regulate how one can access either fertility treatments, because fertility treatments out-of-pocket is normally around \$25,000 — and adoption — that costs out-of-pocket like \$30,000 for a domestic adoption.”

WAC and the ART of Infertility came together in the Women’s Center to create blackout poetry, which is selecting words from an article or other piece of writing to create something completely new.

Novotny also explained the importance of bringing new meaning to different texts.

“Blackout poetry is where you work with a variety of different texts — Cosmos or consent forms for therapy or medical procedures — they’re supposed to represent your rights but are use really dehumanizing language,” Novotny said. “It’s a way to put the person back in it. You circle a bunch of words that speak to you. Reproductive



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UWO alumna Brooke Berrens participates in blackout poetry for reproductive rights on Thursday.

healthcare doesn’t just impact your body parts, it also affects your mental capacity, all that.”

Senior social work major and co-director of WAC and Women of Color Ally Megan

Richard said that reproductive health should be taken care of like any other part of the body.

“Reproductive health is really important because you don’t want people to go through really dangerous

measures to get something you don’t want anymore out of [your body],” Richard said. “It should be accessible. It should be taught. Not everybody wants to have kids. Reproductive health can be for everybody; it

doesn’t just have to be for women.”

Novotny said learning about reproductive rights is still very important despite being in college.

“You’re not thinking about infertility or how you might

come into some sort of obstacle to building a family,” Novotny said. “We make it broad in terms of your access to reproductive choices and health care.”

Senior anthropology student and co-director of WAC Paris Larson shared how infertility has affected her family’s history.

“I know my grandmother had infertility problems, and she had to go through years of hoops and interviews and ended up [adopting] my father and his brother from North Carolina,” Larson said. “It shouldn’t have to be going all the way to North Carolina [from Wisconsin] to adopt a kid.”

Larson also talked about the expenses for any kind of fertility treatment because the cost may not always be handled through insurance.

“If someone is infertile but wants to have their own child, the infertility treatment is tens of thousands of dollars, and insurance won’t cover it,” Larson said. “I feel like if your body is supposed to do that, and if you want your body to do that, you shouldn’t have to pay tens of thousands of dollars for it.”

Richard talked about what reproductive rights and health means to her.

“I don’t want kids, and I like to have the peace of mind that I can have control over my body,” Richard said. “I think that’s really freeing to me. That should just be how it should be. Yes, you can have babies if you want, and you don’t have to have babies. You take care of your health, why not take care of your reproductive health?”

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electricity was given back to the grid as a result of that solar array,” Rudd said. “We received a grant for that from both UW-Platteville and WPPI Energy to build that solar

array on the roof.”

Biology professor Teresa Weglarz said she’s involved in composting at UWFV.

“We have six green bins around campus that are labeled compost,” Weglarz said. “The finished compost is used in the campus hoophouse. Students are currently growing lettuce, beans, tomatoes and other veggies in the hoophouse.”

She said UWFV also partners with St. Joe’s Food Pantry in Menasha in its composting efforts.

“St. Joe’s will drop off food waste and we use it in our composting vessel,” Weglarz said. “We close the loop by producing food, which can be donated to St. Joe’s.”

Weglarz said institutions of higher learning embracing sustainability can highlight

different approaches that don’t have to be expensive.

“These approaches also provide an important learning opportunity for students since students get to see the benefits and drawbacks of different approaches,” Weglarz said.

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during the beginning of the semester when a student walks in late.

“It’s been 11 years, so I’ve really kind of worked through a lot of it,” Peterson said. “But it is frustrating to read on the news when another one happens.”

Peterson said because of how often he hears about shootings in the news, he wants to use this negative experience to do some good by educating people about how to respond to active threat situations.

He now holds active threat

training seminars with University Police Capt. Chris Tarmann. Before those training sessions, Peterson tried to get involved in groups to raise awareness about gun violence. He said everything ended up being very political.

“This whole gun violence issue is something that shouldn’t be political,” Peterson said.

He said with mass shootings it is extremely difficult to point to one thing as the direct cause.

“You’ve got people on the right blaming mental health, and the media for overhyping it; and people on the left blame how easy it is to obtain firearm, and how lax some laws can be,” Peterson said.

He said that cable news finds the loudest squeaky wheel on both sides of the political spectrum and puts them in a screaming match. He said the blame doesn’t solely fall on media coverage of mass shootings because they’re responding to what people want to read and want to watch.

Peterson said he believes that mass shootings can be caused by a variety of issues and are often too boiled down when discussed. He said that America has always glorified criminals, such as Annie Oakley, Billy the kid or Bonnie and Clyde.

He believes that we live in an age where in America, fame

and notoriety are the same thing.

“I think it’s a trend. These [mass shootings] become a means to an end for some people,” Peterson said.

He said that culturally, things have to shift in order for this issue to change.

“Do we need a better mental health system? I think so,” Peterson said. “Do we need to not glorify actual real, not cartoonish, but real violence in the media? That would probably help. Do we need to maybe make guns not so easy to get a hold of? Maybe that would help too. Maybe it’s all of these things.”

Peterson said it is beneficial to talk to people to overcome

differences.

“I’ve talked to a lot of people that, I think, initially we really didn’t agree on much when it came to gun laws,” Peterson said. “I’m finding that you get a lot further just talking to people.

Turn off the cable news and go outside, and talk to somebody who has a different opinion than you. And I think you’ll find there’s more overlap than there is difference.”

Sylvia Carey-Butler leaves to pursue new position at Kennesaw State University

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SYLVIA CAREY-BUTLER

UW Oshkosh Assistant Chancellor for Academic Support of Inclusive Excellence Dr. Sylvia Carey-Butler has accepted the chief diversity officer position at Kennesaw State University in Georgia, effective July 29.

In a mass email sent yesterday from UW Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt, an update will be shared with students

and faculty “as soon as we develop the timetable for the search for Dr. Carey-Butler’s successor.”

Leavitt took the time to highlight some of Carey-Butler’s many accomplishments during her time at UWO.

Carey-Butler helped create the Titan Advantage Program in 2014 to successfully launch and support incoming, underrepresented, low-income and first-generation college students, an initiative which recently earned Carey-Butler the UW System Board of Regents’ Diversity Award.

Carey-Butler also led the development of the first-ever Inclusive Excellence Plan at UWO.

“From her work to commemorate Black Thursday 50 years later to her enhancement of Social Justice Week programming to her concentration on student hunger and her support for the Men of Color Initiative, Dr. Carey-Butler has helped transform learning and life at UWO in so many ways,” Leavitt said. “Through it all, with her strong leadership and consistent focus, this University has seen the percentage and success of students of color dramatically increase.”

According to Kennesaw State University’s press release, Carey-Butler will be responsible for overseeing the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and leading the development of diversity and inclusion initiatives.

“She will develop a long-term diversity and inclusion action plan and establish clear, meaningful and measurable goals and metrics to broaden perspectives around diversity and inclusion among the university community and its strategic partners,” The release states. “In her role, Carey-Butler also will develop strategies and programs focused on the successful recruitment and retention of students, faculty and staff.”

Leavitt said he wishes Carey-Butler all the best in her next chapter.

“UW Oshkosh is a better place because of Dr. Carey-Butler. She is a true innovator who has had tremendous positive impact on the University, helping us adopt and embrace our core value of inclusive excellence.”

Carey-Butler did not respond when contacted by the Advance-Titan for comment.

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Promball tops off rugby's season

UW Oshkosh women's rugby hosts its annual 7s Promball tourney where all players participate in prom dresses at the East Hall Fields

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The UW Oshkosh women's rugby team finalized its winning spring season after taking second place in the Titans' annual 7s Promball tournament on Friday in Oshkosh.

The Titans, who concluded their season by placing either first or second in all of their competitions, split up into two teams, Oshkosh Gold and Oshkosh Black, for the seven-team tournament.

Oshkosh Black opened the tournament with a 22-15 win over UW-Whitewater before falling to DePaul University (Ill.) 30-14 in the second match.

In the second-place match Black claimed a nailbiter over DePaul, beating them 26-25.

Oshkosh Gold went 0-2 on the weekend as they dropped games to UW-Stevens Point and UW-Eau Claire. The Titans lost to the Pointers 15-10 and to the Blugolds 24-12.

The Warhawks won the overall tournament title after claiming three consecutive wins against Oshkosh Black, DePaul and Stevens Point.

UWO sophomore captain Grace Begotka said that the results of this spring season will only help come competition time in the fall.

"I am very proud of how everyone performed and how consistent our team has been this season," Begotka said. "We used this spring to help us prepare for next fall and to have a little fun. I am eager to see how our team develops next year and am looking forward to next season. Our seniors had a great year as well and will be missed dearly."

UWO senior Nicole Timm said head coach Cat Lewis' efforts are the reason this team has been so successful.

"My coach dedicates so much of her time to us," Timm said. "Many people don't realize that she doesn't actually get paid for this. She really takes the time to teach new players, and I will forever be grateful that she saw something in me and took the time to help me learn."

With the conclusion of the spring season, the Titans send off a six-women senior class, including scrum half Nicole Timm, full Amanda Zimmerman, lock Olivia Juel, flanker Jordan Borchardt, flanker Beth Hill and wing Becca Fenske.

Lewis, who's in her third year of coaching with the program, said she will miss this year's senior class because of their ability to lead their fellow teammates.

"I will miss the leadership and skills that they have developed over the years. All of our players look up to our seniors because of their experience and knowledge of the game — that is always hard to lose."

With the fall season just around the corner, Lewis said UWO can expect big things from the Titans.

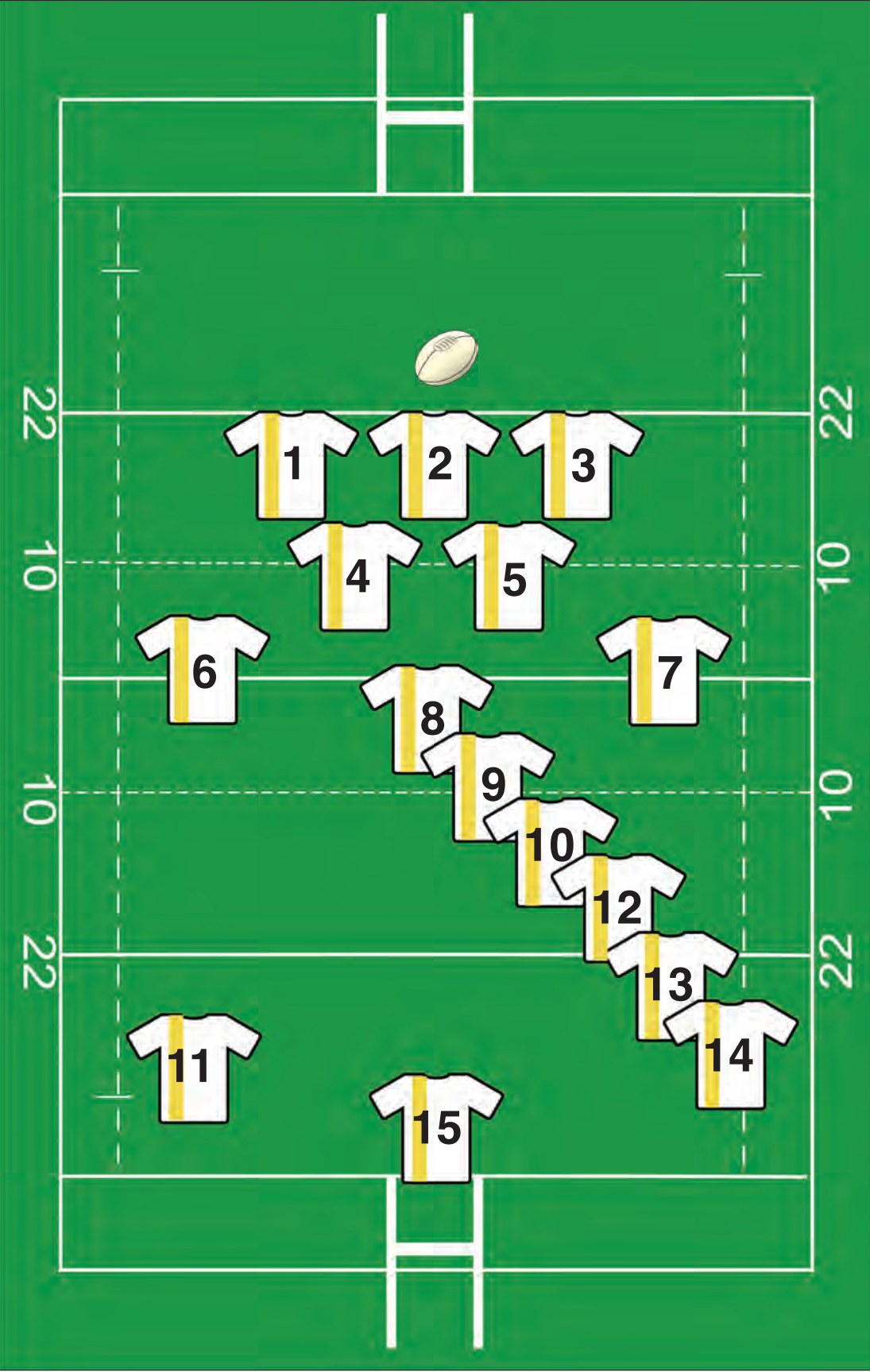
"Fall is our more competitive season," Lewis said. "We are hoping to go back to nationals and defend our conference title. I am looking forward to maintaining a strong rugby program at UWO and creating a team that all of our players, including rookies, will be proud of, no matter if we win or lose. But preferably win."

In the fall season, the Titans will return to regular 15s play instead of springtime 7s.



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ABOVE: Oshkosh Black gets held up in a scrum with UW-Whitewater. The Titans finished second in the seven-team tournament. BOTTOM LEFT: Senior Nicole Timm kicks a two-point conversion after a try by the Oshkosh Black offense. BOTTOM RIGHT: Senior Olivia Juel attempts to tackle offensive threat.



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Baseball loses three of its final four games

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The UW Oshkosh baseball team concluded the season losing three games to UW-Platteville in a four-game series. The Titans finished the season with an overall record of 18-21 and a conference record of 11-13.

May 4

UW Oshkosh split the doubleheader with the UW-Platteville, winning the first game of the day and losing the second. In game one, the Titans beat the Pioneers 15-4. The Titans were up early, but took the game away in the third inning, scoring nine runs.

UWO senior Zack Radde hit two home runs and plated a career-high five runs. Right fielder Alex Koch and Radde lead the Titans in runs, with three each. Short stop Dylan Ott and designated hitter Sean Cummins each had two hits in the contest. Cummins also brought in one homer.

In game two, the Pioneers beat the Titans 8-3.

Both teams were scoreless throughout the first two innings, the Pioneers had one run in the third inning and two in the fourth.

The Titans registered two of their three runs in the sixth inning, and the Pioneers scored three runs in the sixth. The Titans scored their final run in the eighth inning, while the Pioneers scored two in the inning.

Ott led the Titans with three of the Titans seven hits in the contest.

May 3

UWO dropped both games by double-digits as they lost the opening game by a score of 16-3 and the second game 11-0.

During the first inning of the opener, the Titans im-

mediately got the bats going as Sophomore Hunter Staniske hit a run-scoring single. Sophomore Griffith Lukes hit his first collegiate home run tying the game at two in the fifth inning making Lukes the ninth Titan to hit a homerun this season.

Senior Alex Koch had an RBI two-base hit putting the Titans in their first lead of the day at 3-2. Koch doubled twice as he went 2-3 at the plate.

The Pioneers starting pitcher Russell Lundius pitched a one-hitter and three walks and two strikeouts. Koch was allowed the one hit with a single in the fourth inning. The Pioneers outhit the Titans, finishing with 17 hits.

In the final start of his career last Saturday, senior pitcher Chris Atwood threw a complete game, striking out nine batters and with three earned runs, ending his season with a WIAC-leading five complete games.

“Leading the WIAC in complete games, however, it is an accomplishment that I definitely am proud of,” Atwood said. “The WIAC is known for being one of the most competitive conferences in D-III baseball, and to be able to pitch five complete games against conference opponents feels pretty great.”

With emotions running high, Radde said that he felt his hard work was paying off.

“To fight with my team and to be able to homer twice on my last day was something I will never forget,” Radde said.

Atwood said that baseball has shaped him into the person that he is today.

“During my UWO baseball career, I learned a lot about what it takes to succeed in this league as an individual and as a team, but also more about just what it takes to be a responsible adult,” Atwood said.

Atwood said playing baseball has given him valuable



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ABOVE: Catcher Jensen Hinton checks a runner on base during their game against UW-Stevens Point earlier this season. BELOW: Outfielder Zack Radde delivers the ball to pitcher Chris Atwood.

life lessons that he wouldn't have had without it.

“There are so many things we do outside of baseball that prepare us for the season that we may not enjoy doing, but play a big role

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— Chris Atwood
Senior Pitcher

in being able to compete.” Atwood said “Completing four years of baseball at this school, I feel has helped me mature and prepare fully for my future career and lifestyle.”

Atwood said he's happy to be a part of UWO baseball family.

“I know we didn't end our season the way we wanted to, but I am proud of each one of my fellow seniors for making it through this long journey and continuing to get better with me each year,” Atwood said.



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Softball bids farewell to senior class



ABOVE: Natalie Dudek avoids a sliding UW-Whitwater baserunner in an attempt to turn a double play. BELOW: Kailee Garstecki's surrounded by her teammates following her two-run homerun versus the Warhawks. The team finished the year with a 23-17 record.



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The UW Oshkosh softball team concluded its season after back-to-back losses in the third and semifinal round of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship on Saturday in White-water.

The Titans swept fourth-seed UW-La Crosse and top-seed tournament host UW-Whitewater on Friday, advancing to the third round of the WIAC tournament versus second-seed UW-Eau Claire.

UWO took a five-inning, 10-2 loss againsts the Blue-golds, forcing the Titans to re-match the Eagles in the semi-final round.

UWL got out to an early 1-0 lead in the first inning, but junior Claire Petrus answered with her seventh home run of the season in the bottom of the second to tie the game up 1-1.

The matchup remained scoreless until the seventh inning when both teams batted a runner-in to maintain a tie and advance the score to 2-2.

In the extended inning, UWL's Kendra Leis homered one to right center field to

plate two runners and take the lead, 4-2.

The Eagles did not hesitate in the final frame, packing on two more RBI's while holding the Titans at two points the remainder of play.

The Titans, who were attempting to become the first fifth seed to win the WIAC Championship, finished third in the tournament after the 6-2 UWL victory sent UWO home with an overall season record of 23-14 and a 7-7 in WIAC play.

Head coach Scott Beyer said the biggest thing UWO took away from the tournament was to remember to play their game and no one else's.

"We learned that any game we play has nothing to do with our opponent but has everything to do about us," Beyer said. "We are capable to doing great things at any moment, and we will take that attitude with us until we have an opportunity to get back on the field next fall."

UWO will retire its five-woman senior class, including first base Kaitlyn Krol, pitcher Bailey Smaney and outfielders Abby Menting, Emma Fionda and Jordan Manthei.

Beyer said this season class was one he simply won't forget.

"I will miss everything about them," Beyer said. "Those five women are very special to me. They helped build this team and culture to what it is today, and seeing them play for the last time was very bittersweet. They are going to move on and be great leaders in their fields, and I cannot wait to watch them grow into the future, but it will be kind of weird not having them around next fall."

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— Scott Beyer
UWO Head Coach

Krol and Menting concluded their careers tied for third in program history with 66 walks. Menting also lists sixth in the school record book with 38 career doubles and seventh with 17 home runs.

Smaney crystalized her four-year career with an 18-5 record with a 2.50 earned run average, three saves and 95 strikeouts in 176.1 innings pitched, including 11 complete games and two shutouts.

Fionda tallied 46 hits, 45 runs, four doubles, two triples, 11 RBIs and five stolen bases.

Manthei sports a team-leading .987 fielding percentage alongside 12 hits, six runs, five doubles and 11 runs-batted-in.

Beyer said despite losing five key components to UWO softball, people can expect the program to continue its success into the 2020 season.

"We lose five important seniors this year that cannot be replaced, but I fully expect to compete for a conference title again next season," Beyer said. "We have a big recruiting class coming in to add some depth at a few positions, and we will be driven to work hard in the off-season to reach our goals for next spring."

Track and Field brings home five winners at WIAC Championship

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The UW Oshkosh men's and women's track and field teams competed in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship at UW-Platteville last weekend.

The men's team finished in second place with 138 points while the women's team took fifth at 69 points. UW-La Crosse finished first on both the men's and women's sides with 184 points and 225.50, respectively.

The Titan men had three first-place finishes in Platteville with Ben Jung in the 100-meter dash, Ryan Powers in the 400-meter run and the 400-meter relay team of Jung, Powers, Robert Ogbuli and Christian Lopez.

Jung led a group of three Titans to finish in the top eight in the 100-meter dash. Jung took first at 10.67 while teammates Ogbuli and Aaron McCarroll-Richardson placed fourth and eighth with times of 10.69 and 10.84 seconds, respectively. Jung also finished second in the 200-meter dash with sprint of 21.59 seconds.

Powers grabbed first place in the 400-meter run with a time of 47.22 seconds. Powers also finished fourth in the 200-meter dash at 21.64 seconds.

The 400-meter relay team beat seven other teams with a time of 41.06 seconds. The men's 400-meter relay team holds the nation's top time with their performance at the

WIAC Championship.

Ogbuli said being the top relay team is great, but there's still work to be done.

"To have the number one time in D-III is really awesome, but we can't let it get to your heads right now," Ogbuli said. "We still got a job to complete; that's a national title for our relay. Until our job is done, I don't like to think about it. To me it's just another race."

The Titans had great performances in the 800-meter run as Nick Freitag took second with a time of 1:53.08 while fellow Titans Steven Potter and Justin Skinkis placed fourth and fifth, posting times of 1:54.41 and 1:54.89, respectively.

UWO had four other second-place efforts all in the field events: Jack Flynn in the discus with a measurement of 162-6, Justin Rivers in the high jump at a height of 6-7, Nick Tegtmeier in the shot put with a toss of 53-5 and Jonathan Wilburn skipped 49-1 1/2 in the triple jump.

With their performances at the WIAC Championship, Tegtmeier now ranks 14th nationally in the shot put, Flynn 16th in the discus and Rivers 29th in the high jump.

Jamyle Brantley and Bailey Quinn contributed two third-place finishes for the Titans, Brantley in the long jump with a leap of 22-7 1/4 and Quinn in the hammer throw with a measurement of 179-11.

The Titan women's squad

was led by Lauren Wrensch who won two events in Platteville. Wrensch took first in the 400-meter run, posting a time of 56.19 seconds, and in the long jump, she leapt a distance of 19-4 1/4. Wrensch's performances last weekend put her as second in the nation in the long jump and ninth in the 400.

Wrensch said she will never get sick of winning.

"Nothing beats that feeling of walking onto that first-place podium. It'll never get old," Wrensch said.

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— Lauren Wrensch
UWO senior

Wrensch also had a fourth-place finish in the 1600-meter relay with teammates Alexandra Demco, Lindsay Denu and Taylor Pralle, who posting a time of 3:58.30.

Wrensch said her relay team showed resiliency in Platteville, and they have one final goal for the year.

"[The 1,600-meter relay] was the last event on day two, and putting together one of our better times showed a lot of mental toughness from everyone," Wrensch said. "However, we are still looking to lower our time even more in the next few weeks

and hopefully secure a national qualifying spot."

UWO women's team had only one second-place finish in Platteville. Isabella Samuels in the shotput had a throw of 45-9 feet.

The Titan women had five third-place results in Platteville, including two by Hannah Lohrenz. Lohrenz ran times of 2:16.23 at 800 meters and 4:40.11 at 1,500.

The other three third-place finish came from UWO's Sadie Huth posting a new PR in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.69 seconds, Alexandria Steger in javelin with a throw of 120-7 and Mikaela Zolecki in the hammer throw with a measurement of 165-3.

Huth shattered her previous PR of 15.27 seconds. She said she couldn't believe what she had accomplished after her performance.

"The feeling I had looking at my time was unexplainable," Huth said. "I had no words, just true excitement. Seeing everything I have worked hard for come true was just such a blessing."

The UW Oshkosh track and field teams will travel to Naperville, Illinois to compete at the North Central College Dr. Keeler Invitational on this Thursday and Friday.

Event: UW Oshkosh track and field team travels to Naperville, IL to compete at the North Central College Dr. Keeler Invitational.

Date: Thursday, May 10

Titan of the Week

WIAC Championship



Ben Jung
Sprints
Year: Sophomore

100-meter dash
10.67
Place: 1st

200-meter dash
21.59
Place: 2nd

400-meter relay
41.06
Place: 1st



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Lack of UWO vaccination policy injects concern

by The Advance-Titan Staff

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A misguided public health concern over vaccinations has led to the quarantine of seven schools and two universities, a 300% increase in measles cases worldwide and the greatest number of measles cases in the U.S. since its elimination over 19 years ago.

The anti-vax movement has begun to make its mark in America.

On April 29, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced more than 700 cases of measles in 22 states in the United States, the most significant re-emergence since the CDC announced measles elimination in the U.S. in 2000.

“We had all these diseases eliminated but now they’re coming back; I wonder why?” UWO English major Courtney Schuna said.

The CDC said more than 500 of the newly infected individuals were not vaccinated, which the CDC is linking to misinformation regarding the safety of vaccines.

UW Oshkosh advertising major Alexandra Goudy said she thinks measles came back because people stopped vaccinating.

“They think it’s harmful. They think introducing it into a baby’s blood system is going to cause autism,” she said.

The anti-vax movement bases this belief on a study published in 1998 that suggested the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine, or infection with the measles virus, could cause autism.

“All of a sudden everyone is against vaccinations,” Goudy said.

But research used in the 1998 study has been proven false and the study was retracted from the medical journal it was published in.

“There is no proof whatsoever that it causes autism in any sort of way,” Goudy said, “so why wouldn’t you vaccinate just to be safe? It’s not going to give your kid any kind of virus; it’s protecting against that.”

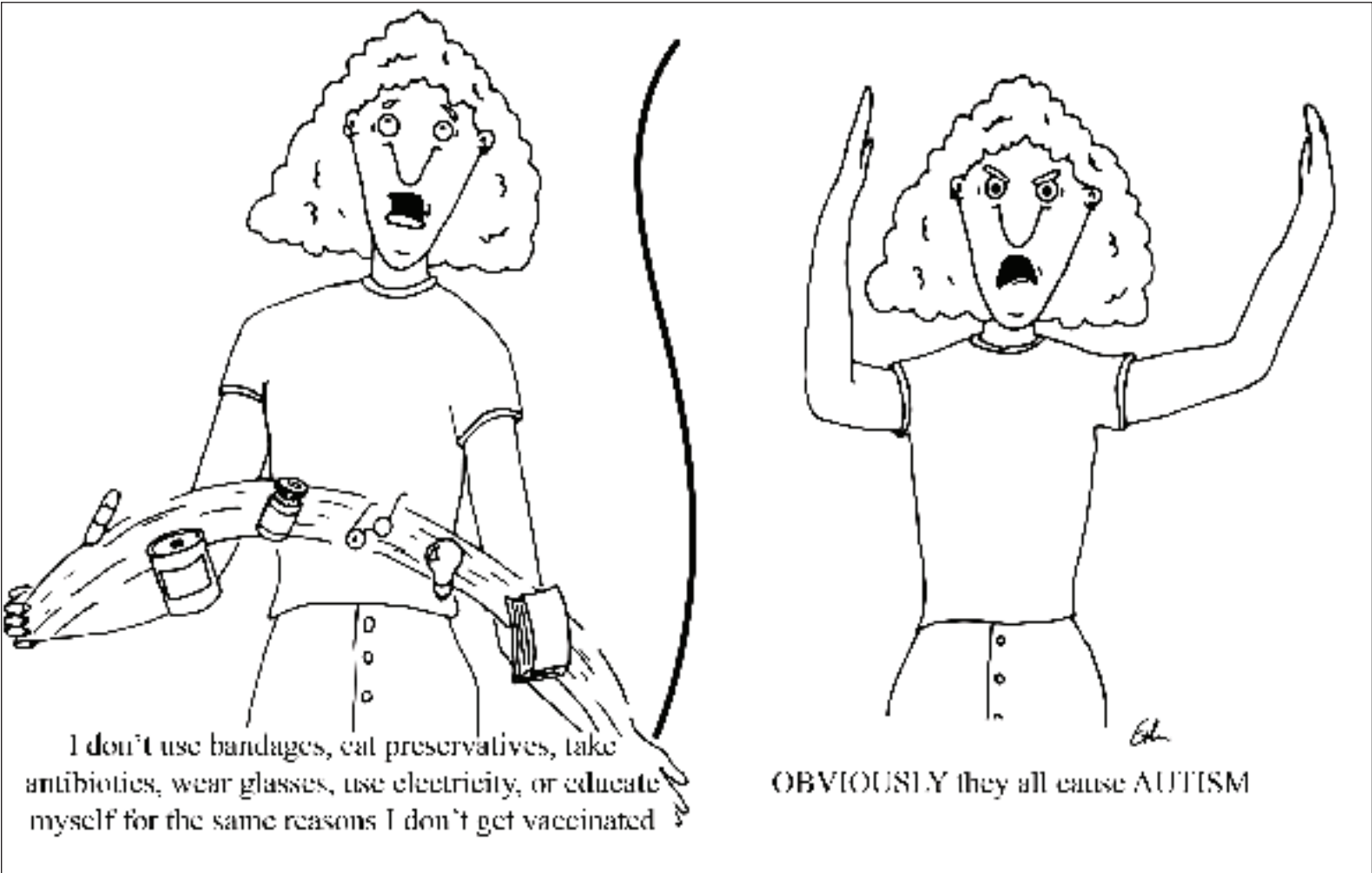
UWO public relations major Sara Sterk said people who choose not to vaccinate due to autism concerns “are saying they would rather have a dead kid than a kid with autism.”

As far as anti-vaxxers on the UWO campus, nursing major Lena Schuster said “there really aren’t many.”

UWO public relations and advertising major Lance Gulotta said anti-vaxxers need to consider the benefits of vaccines.

“There is so much history to back up why you should vaccinate and all the good it’s done and there’s not enough from the other side. There’s no concrete facts.”

Recent studies listed on the CDC website have shown no correlation between vaccina-



tions or vaccination ingredients and autism.

Schuna, who has three siblings with autism, said autism is genetic.

“Vaccines don’t cause that,” she said.

The World Health Organization lists vaccine hesitancy as one of the top threats to global health in 2019.

Despite the risks, it is clear many parents are choosing not to vaccinate their children.

On April 29, The New York Times reported seven schools in the U.S. were quarantined, along with the University of California Los Angeles and California State University, due to the high number of students who were exposed to the measles virus.

UWO student health center office manager Sarah Anderson said she thinks vaccinations are a problem nationwide.

“As far as UW schools, there isn’t a blanket policy for vaccinations,” Anderson said.

UWO students are only required to provide proof of vaccination if they are going into the nursing program, which Sterk said concerns her.

“Think about the amount of tour groups we have on campus that are under 18,” she said.

“There’s a childcare place on campus. We have events where the public can come in. Anyone can come onto campus and anyone could be a carrier.”

Lead University services program associate Sarah White provided a list of vaccinations that UWO nursing students are required to receive, including MMR, chicken pox, Tdap, influenza and a TB test. She said there are no exceptions to the vaccination policy.

Schuster said her mom didn’t believe in vaccinations, so when she enrolled in UWO’s nursing program, she had to get all her vaccinations at once.

“You just sit there like ‘keep going, keep going,’” she said. “But being a nursing student, you’re more susceptible to viruses.”

In UWO dorms, students are only required to affirm they have received meningococcal and hepatitis B vaccines.

Wisconsin is one of 18 states in the U.S. that allows a personal conviction exemption for vaccinations. Rep. Gordon Hintz of Oshkosh, along with a group of state lawmakers, have introduced a bill to eliminate this exemption.

The ongoing misinformation regarding vaccine safety, combined with the alarming increase in measles cases both in the U.S. and worldwide, illustrates the strong need for the UWO campus to update its immunization policies to require vaccinations for all students on campus.

“If it’s an outbreak type situation, something you could die from, then yeah, you should be vaccinated,” Goudy said.

Sterk agreed.

“You are putting everyone else in danger of getting sick with deadly diseases,” she said. “There’s a reason vaccinations work.”

Schuna said vaccinations should be mandatory at UWO and by law.

“It doesn’t matter your personal beliefs in the matter, as a country-wide thing for medical health, we should all be vaccinated,” Schuna said.

Gulotta said both children and adults need to be vaccinated.

“Just vax your kids, just vaccinate them,” he said. “I don’t like shots either; just give me the vax.”

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trump’s trade war escalating between the U.S. and China

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Everyone loses in a trade war, let’s not pretend otherwise. While some think putting tariffs on imported Chinese goods is a smart idea, it actually harms more than it helps. This tariff doesn’t only harm Chinese exporters, it hurts companies that are importing the goods, it hurts the consumers of the products, and it hurts the world market in general.

One of the major arguments given by the United States for the rise in tariffs is that China hasn’t always been known for trading fairly. China contributes to the global economy,

so raising tariffs on Chinese goods harms more than just the Chinese economy. Companies throughout the world such as Volkswagen, Harley Davidson and General Motors depend on China for raw materials needed in their products.

Some believe that increasing tariffs will decrease the demand for products and increase the overall costs because companies will have to pay tariffs if they want to import from China. To combat these costs companies either have to eat the cost and lower their own profits, raise the price of the goods to offset the rise in cost or find another market to purchase from. Increasing

prices on tariffs provides the opportunity for American companies to increase their prices as well because American companies will be facing less pressure from the pricing of Chinese goods.

A USA Today article reported that David French, senior vice president of government relations for the National Retail Federation said, “A sudden tariff increase with less than a week’s notice would severely disrupt U.S. businesses, especially small companies that have limited resources.”

Other industries, such as U.S. agriculture, have needed significant aid due to the rising tensions be-

tween the U.S. and China.

If China and the U.S. want to squabble, why must they bring the entire world into it? Tariffs can put us all at serious risk of a global recession due to tighter financial conditions and weaker global growth. Many companies that don’t want to deal with tariffs are looking to other South Eastern countries in Asia, such as Thailand and Vietnam, to obtain products from. There has also been talk of the U.S. putting a tariff on imported automobiles, which would damage Europe’s exports to the United States.

It’s difficult to say who comes out on top when it comes to tariffs

being imposed. Companies pay tariffs to import goods and those costs usually trickle down to the consumer. This may lead to companies going elsewhere for products.

Other countries markets can be affected when major world leaders place tariffs on each other and can cause issues with the global market. Letting other countries economies suffer due to what China and the United States are doing isn’t OK. When making these policies that affect others so strongly, everyone involved (directly and indirectly) should be brought to the table to discuss solutions.

Ditch the straw, save the earth

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#RefusePlasticStraws, #Last-PlasticStraw and #NoStraw-Please are all sustainability movements to help protect our oceans from the harm of plastic straws.

UW Oshkosh has a focus on sustainability but is not participating in the movement to reduce the use of plastic straws! Baskets of straws, jars of straws and straw dispensers are clearly on display and easy to use on campus.

In hopes of reducing the amount of plastic straws used on campus, I went to Blackhawk to Go, Reeve Union and Scotty’s and asked them to put the straws somewhere where people would need to ask for a straw if they wanted one. This

would help prevent people from needlessly using a straw and help people think about if they really needed a straw. If they really did need a straw, they would have to ask for one.

At 2Go@BHC and Reeve, the worker that I spoke with said they would talk to their manager or supervisor, but I have gone back and seen no change.

That’s much better, however, than the experience I had at Scotty’s. I asked the cashier if it was possible to put the straws behind the counter so that people would have to ask for them in order to get one. I explained to her movements like #Last-PlasticStraw are seeking to end the use of plastic straws to benefit the environment.

The employee understood why I wanted the straws moved

and said she would ask her manager. While I waited, I saw two people grab a straw out of the jar by the soda machine. When the employee came back, she explained that they wouldn’t put the straws behind the counter because the manager did not believe that it was a big deal and people weren’t using that many straws.

While this was very frustrating, I left because there was no way for me to force food services to put the straws behind the counter. Even if campus food services won’t put straws behind the counter, we can all take part in helping the environment and stop using plastic straws.

Don’t use a straw at all or use a reusable straw and let’s take steps to promote sustainability

Respecting Native American culture

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A couple of years ago, my dad showed me something very important. After learning I was transferring to Oshkosh, he strongly recommended that I watch an old documentary about the founding and history of the city of Oshkosh.

“I’ll sit through this to humor him,” I thought. Looking back on this event, I’m glad I suffered through that “stuffy” documentary, because if I hadn’t I would have absolutely no idea how significant Oshkosh is in regards to Native American history.

However, in my time at Oshkosh, I have seen little to no tributes or commem-

orations to the Natives who occupied the space we now live in; and this cannot be tolerated.

Earlier this year, when Angela Davis came to UW Oshkosh to speak for Black History Month, she mentioned how schools in Canada often take moments of silence before campus events to honor the Native Americans who lived in that area before them. I would like to draw attention to this, as Davis did, to reinforce the importance of remembering and respecting the people who first occupied the ground we learn on, especially when that ground supports the foundations of our culturally diverse and educated University.

With recent concern toward student racism and the racially discriminatory comments toward OSA candidates, I think awareness and recognition of our diverse predecessors is an urgent issue. Especially since many UWO students live in Oshkosh and in Winnebago county students should at least know how the words “Oshkosh” and “Winnebago” are significant.

Furthermore, in addition to seminars, learning panels or speeches about Native American history, some sort of monument or mural should be placed on campus to give respect to the namesake of our city and University.

“Boeing Boeing” takes flight

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UW Oshkosh’s final play of the season opened Thursday night as a few planes coincidentally flew low over the Fredric March Theater minutes before the show began.

“Boeing Boeing,” a play about as bouncy and playful as the title itself, takes place in Paris in the 1960s, following a bachelor named Bernard (Robert Reeves), who has found a way to juggle three airline hostess fiancées from around the world by using an airline time table to ensure they never find out about each other.

This plan gives Bernard what he calls “international romantic bliss.” That is, until, airlines begin using newer, faster Boeing planes that foist his plans.

“Boeing” really began to pick up speed upon the introduction of the character Robert, Bernard’s friend from Wisconsin who ends up doing most of the juggling. Robert is played charismatically by Garret Johnson, helping make the play reminiscent of early screwball comedies starring Cary Grant.

Comedy ensued as Bernard’s three stewardess fiancées begin coming in and out of the show, each from a different airline and country.

As all three of the fiancées names begin with the letter “G,”



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Garret Johnson, Mary Margaret Clementi and Ali Basham in “Boeing Boeing.”

and they’re all blonde. It became a bit confusing at times as to who was who. Admittedly, that was probably the point. Thankfully, each of them wore different colors from their given airlines to help tell them apart.

Of the three fiancées, Autumn Christensen gave the strongest performance as the playful and bossy Italian Gabriella. Aside from Johnson, she seemed to be the one having the most fun in her role.

The play’s “sneaky device,” as director Richard Kalinoski put it in the show’s program, was Berthe, Bernard’s housekeeper who has just about had it with Bernard’s schemes.

Kalinoski said the playwright “inserts [Berthe] who oversees the shenanigans with a skewed smile informed by mordant ex-

asperation. All, of course, in jest.”

Berthe was played by Mary Margaret Clementi, serving as the comic relief well among a cast of comic reliefs.

Accents are rarely attempted (or attempted well) in college performances, but in “Boeing,” accents are helpful in fueling comedy and keeping each character distinct. Unfortunately, most actors in this production weaved in and out of their accents throughout the show.

Clementi’s French accent and Christensen’s Italian accent may not have been perfectly on point, but they were the strongest and most consistent throughout Thursday night’s show. Reeves’ French accent was so faint that it was unclear whether or not Bernard was meant to even have an

accent.

Thankfully, the inconsistent accents didn’t take away from the flow of the show. The second act in particular increased in hilarity as the three stewardesses kept moving in and out of the scene.

Though the audience erupted in laughter every time someone said the word “Wisconsin” (even when it wasn’t meant to be funny), most of the humor in the show came from Johnson as Robert as he desperately tried helping his friend juggle his three fiancées. The contrast between each of the stewardesses’ personalities inspired a lot of laughter as well.

Especially with Oshkosh’s EAA AirVenture in the summer, “Boeing Boeing” was a perfect choice to close UWO’s spring.

UWO must budget for inclusivity

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“Make sure you grab your pepper spray, make sure you walk around campus with a buddy and lock your doors, no matter what time of day it is.”

As a student starting school at UW-Milwaukee, these were the type of reminders I would get from my family members on a daily basis.

It comes as no surprise that when a small-town girl moves to a big city, especially one with such a high crime rate, fear would be instilled.

UWM is where I spent the first three years of my undergraduate education. The city itself attracts a drastic amount of violence, so initially I was somewhat terrified to be moving to Milwaukee right after high school.

However, UWM shattered most of that stigma by offering a unique and inclusive campus environment that had an abundance of resources for students. There were constantly diverse events happening on campus that brought not only the students together, but also the surrounding community.



Circumstance brought me to Oshkosh in 2018, and being a minority transfer student at UWO was hard. I had already seen viral posts on Facebook about hate crimes against minorities on the UWO campus. I was hoping those were isolated incidents. However, to my surprise, it is a recurring issue on campus.

During my first week of school at UWM as a freshman, the University had “Welcome Week Events,” that gave the students an array of opportunities to connect with one another.

But during my first week at UWO as a transfer student, I noticed the campus significantly lacked welcoming events that could provide opportunities to immediately expose students to minority cultures.

The recent incidents that have occurred on campus, as well as UWO’s somewhat unwelcoming environment, have made me reflect on leaving my life in Milwaukee and moving farther away from my family and friends.

The difference between UWO and UWM is that UWM excelled at using resources to create awareness to campus issues, which is something I believe all campuses should do.

There is a rise in racist acts on campuses all over the U.S. and it all starts with hate. We need to combat this hate and ensure that all students are taken into consideration. Zero-tolerance policies need to be applied in situations where students are singled out and harassed.

UWO should follow UWM’s footsteps and create inclusive resource centers so students on campus feel welcome. Change starts by slashing the stigma and cleaning up UWO’s image.

We want to attract quality students to our university, students that can feel safe and have a sense of belonging. Although my family had feared for my safety at the UWM campus, it’s the UWO campus that makes me feel unsafe.

As UWO students, we don’t want to have to carry pepper spray when we walk around campus. We don’t want to have to bring a buddy with us because we fear for our safety. We want to feel safe enough that we don’t have to lock our doors during the day. We are tired of seeing our campus on the news for racist acts.

UWO officials: Put it in our budget to increase ongoing resources for diversity and inclusion.

Put it in our budget for teachers and community leaders to make the UWO campus and the surrounding Oshkosh community a safe place for students.

Put it in our budget to make these changes, so that 10 years from now, our alma mater can be known as a safe place to be and the best choice for Wisconsin students seeking a degree.

By increasing inclusion on campus and engaging our diverse community, we can begin to change our University from one filled with hate to one filled with acceptance.

Students question opinion surveys

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Every student at UW Oshkosh is required to fill out a Student Opinion Survey for their classes each semester to evaluate their instructors. However, the student body as a whole seems to be uncertain of who gets to see the results of these surveys or how effective they are at shaping instructor performances.

“We don’t know where they go and who actually sees them afterwards and what kind of help they actually do,” sophomore Shea Fabel said.

According to UWO’s Academic Affairs website, the SOS was first developed in 1987 with the need for an “All-University approach for surveying students.” UWO faculty seem to be the only ones allowed to see the results.

At the end of the semester, instructors are given a document summarizing their SOS results and optional write-in responses. The document also compares instructors’ score averages to their department’s average as well as the average to the entire University.

Geography professor Laura Carnahan said the results are mainly used to help professors make changes to their teaching strategy and serve as documentation to help get a promotion. She said she looks forward to her SOS results at the end of each semester.

“I like to get the feedback because I take that feedback, and I use it to make appropriate changes,” she said.

According to Carnahan, department heads get to decide whether or not their department uses any forms other than the required 18-question form. In the geography department, students are also given a chance to write in how they feel about their professor, which Carnahan said she appreciates.

“You can see how you rate on a scale of 1-5, but that’s not always as beneficial as having actual comments,” she said.

When a student wrote a comment about how Carnahan should include review guides for her exams, she said she began providing students with detailed note sheets for her lectures.

Other instructors on campus aren’t so fond of the SOS, including journalism professor Miles Maguire, who said he takes the results with a grain of salt.

“I think there’s an emotional quality to it,” he said. “If you go into a classroom and you feel very comfortable in that classroom, you’re likely to say, ‘This is a good instructor,’ but the learning process often involves pain-

ful reassessment of where you are and growth.”

Some specific questions in the SOS may not be relevant for a certain classes, skewing a professor’s results. In Maguire’s case, he said he often gets low marks for whether or not he is open to diverse opinions in his editing class since it naturally has strict rules students need to follow.

“Why would I be open to diverse opinions about whether there should be a comma there or not when the Stylebook says no comma?” he said.

From a survey of about 30 UWO students, there’s not a clear consensus over whether or not they think SOSs are useful and effective.

“I like having the chance to evaluate my professors, but I also think that the questions aren’t very in depth,” junior Hayley Zubke said.

Most students agree with Zubke in that all SOSs should have a section for students to write down their own comments.

Freshman Nicholas Cerro said he doesn’t believe the SOSs are a great way to determine a professor’s effectiveness because everyone learns in different ways; however, he still takes his time to fill them out thoughtfully.

“I take it seriously because I feel like it has impact on them,” he said. “There’s no need for me to give false information that affects a person’s career.”

Most students seem to take the SOS seriously and think it would be beneficial if they had access to the results.

“I look at ratemyprofessors.com and that’s not always the best thing because everyone on there has extreme opinions but everybody in class is taking that survey, so it would be good information to have,” sophomore Matthew Bennett said.

Carnahan said that though SOS results could be beneficial to students to see, it could complicate some things.

“We’ve all been in the place where we’re teaching the course for the first time, and our scores are a little bit lower because we’re still figuring things out in that course,” she said.

According to Maguire, students once had access to SOS results and could look at them at Polk Library. He, along with many students, would like to bring that back.

Maguire also said that the SOS has changed a lot over his time at UWO and the University now seems to rely on them more. Perhaps a more transparent approach to how the results from these surveys are used would help give students confidence that filling them out is worthwhile.

“I try to take them as seriously as I can, but I just don’t see any results coming out of it,” sophomore Samantha Cowan said.

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ELC doesn't burn the place down, thanks his folks

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Folks, it's time for me to say goodbye to Reeve 19 and all of the memories it produced. Thank you to every single person who has helped me get to where I am today. Room-mates, family, friends, coworkers, bosses, etc. I've had so much help in everything I've been able to accomplish in my life. The Advance-Titan is a perfect example of this.

From the very beginning there wasn't a story that I wrote in which I didn't have a storm of editors giving me their insight on my work. It takes a village to get this kid to do anything. The confidence I received from my friends and colleagues throughout my time at the A-T is the only reason I got to where I am today. I wouldn't have taken the steps I made without the love and support from every single person in my life. I can't emphasize this enough.

I took on my first job at the A-T because it was close to my house and I didn't have to commute. I also didn't want to keep working at Blackhawk, so I took my talents to the basement of Reeve Union so I didn't have to continue tossing salads in the upstairs cafeteria.

I took a step at the A-T when I decided I was going to become the head news editor. It was a gigantic step. To this day I still don't think I'm fully prepared for that job. The only reason I took it on was because I had people pushing me to do it. I'm glad they did. It built me up. Alex Nemec was the one that showed me how to be a news editor. I learned from the best.

Somehow, someway, my colleagues ended up choosing me to lead this publication for the past year. I never in a million years thought I'd be doing this. I was so honored when my friends thought I would be the right person to lead this group. I took on these roles because I had support from my colleagues. Sometimes that's all you need to take the important steps.

At the A-T I was able to do things like write gymnastics recaps or cover news stories in the community. I was came up with design layouts with my editors. I even covered a D-III National Championship with the sports editors.

All of that is awesome and important, but none of it is as important as the friendships and colleagues I've made in the last two years. It's absolutely the most valuable thing I've taken away from working here. The connections you make at the A-T are meaningful and everlasting. I've made some of my best friends here. To think that I took on this job to make money is laughable. The connections I've made in this newsroom are going to help me in ways no dollar amount can top.

Time for a few individual shoutouts:

A huge thank you to the Advance-Titan adviser, Barb Benish. I can't express how thankful I am of everything you've done for the A-T. When you took over this job it didn't look promising, that's for sure! From the moment you took on the job, you gave everything you had. The progress we've made this past year I hope was reassuring. I'm sure we drove you crazy at times, and that's mainly Neal's fault, but I can assure you it was an absolute privilege working with someone so hard-working but also so supportive. Thank you.

To my friend Ti Windisch. My man. You have done so much for me since I met you down in the newsroom. If there's one person I know that 100% believes in me, it's you. The countless texts I send you panicking as to whether or not we're committing libel or my texts that rip apart the Saints organization. The countless hours spent at Molly McGuire's, my friend I cannot thank you enough for believing in me. Whenever I find myself in times of trouble (sheesh there's been a lot), you're one of the first individuals I look to. It's also extremely likely that you're going

to make it big here soon and I have like zero money to my name so I'm going to keep being your friend if you're okay with that. Thank you.

To my former A-T people: Alex Nemec, Collin Goeman, Laura Dickinson, Mike Johrendt and Alex Thompson. You folks are quite a treat I must say. None of this was possible without you guys building me up each and every day. I miss being in the same work environment as you all, but that'll make our return that much sweeter. Thank you. ...Georgiaaaaaaa...

To Vince Filak, you're the reason I got into this thing. You helped me in so many ways. If I ever needed someone to talk to, your office was open. If I needed advice on any issue, you were always there to talk. Your loyalty and commitment to teaching does not go unnoticed. Thank you.

To Neal Hogden, my M.E. I am so glad I was able to work with you. You made my job so much easier than I was imagining when I started this thing. I make mistakes all the time. Hiring you as managing editor was not one of them. Your positive mentality and respectful personality is what makes you an awesome person to work with and it's what will land you a job wherever you end up. I'm glad I have you as a friend. Forever and always the Navy Seal. Thank you.

To everyone working at the A-T right now, thank you. Everything we've accomplished is in response to your hard work and dedication. You don't get paid enough to do some of things you do. Most of you have other jobs aside from this. It was truly inspiring to see how invested you were in this thing. You listened to me when I would make decisions. Even the wrong decisions.

The whole year I went by hoping that I could keep this team together. I didn't set out to do the impossible, I just wanted to keep the pieces together. I can assure you we did that and much more. Thank you.



Christina Basken, head news editor

ART BY SUSAN LOR

News editor leaves her helmet behind

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Although it might sound cliché, saying goodbye is bittersweet. After three long years of being a photographer, staff writer, assistant news editor and eventually head news editor, I feel more ready for the "real world" than I ever thought possible.

I truly would not be where I am if it weren't for the experience I have gained at the Advance-Titan and the help of my amazing mentors.

I like to describe Vincent Filak as the person who instilled the fear of God in me, Miles Maguire as the person who taught me how to tear apart court documents like nobody's business and Barbara Benish as my supportive newsroom mom.

Over the years, I have met so many amazing people in this community through being a reporter. I have had the privilege to meet and write about Judge Barbara Key, uncover major scandals, provide a voice to minorities and keep the community updated

with fair and balanced news.

I first came to the A-T as an awkward and shy individual who'd just transferred schools. And while I'm still pretty awkward, I feel as though I have found my wings. It was at the Advance-Titan where I really learned what my strengths and weaknesses were and where I learned the difference between reporting and reporting with passion.

The A-T has helped me land several internships and be confident enough in my skills that I could walk into any newsroom and know that I've got the grit and passion to make it. I would recommend the A-T to any student who is thinking about applying.

Thank you to Alex Nemec, Ti Windisch, Laura Dickinson and Morgan Van Lanen for all your support and help that got me to where I am now. Ti, you can't get rid of me that easily; see ya at EAA! Thank you to Nikki Brahm, the best assistant (seriously you're the bomb) and friend I could have ever asked for.

Thank you Calvin Skalet for always challenging me to step outside my comfort zone.

Neal Hogden, thanks for putting up with my wonderful sportsball captions and jokes — I can probably add professional sports writer to the résumé now! Future employers, wear your helmets — hard-hitting sportsball cut-lines ahead!

Jack Tierney, what a way to end senior year, covering a presidential event! Thank you for all your support at the Trump Rally. You're going to make an excellent editor-in-chief in your final semester!

Frankie Rabas, thank you for being my savior on more than one occasion! Elizabeth Pletzer, thank you for your classic "eye-roll" commentary on literally everything. Jordyn Schraeder, I'm so glad I got to work with you and eventually call you my friend.

I am going to miss those long, sleep-deprived, coffee-induced production nights followed by zombie-walking to Molly's to celebrate with everyone.

It's been a wild ride. Off to the next adventure!



Nikki Brahm, assistant news editor

ART BY SUSAN LOR

Trash is finally taken out of the A-T

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Three years ago I entered the dreaded yet required web design course for all journalism majors and I sat next to none other than Ti, news editor of the Advance-Titan at the time. After recently deciding to ditch PR and pursue writing and editing, Ti encouraged me to write my first article for the Advance-Titan, a riveting piece about Fletcher Hall's renovations.

From there, my journey at the A-T began after a one-year break (sorry Ti).

I'm so grateful for all of the experiences the A-T has given me. I've been able to meet countless interesting people, write a multitude of stories and create lasting friendships.

First I would like to thank Barb.

You've been something like a second mom to me since I had you in Writing for the Media sophomore year. Your class encouraged me to pursue a field where my heart is. Thank you for all of your guidance and for giving me the confidence to do so much during my time here at UWO.

Vince, thank you for encouraging me to interview for an editor position at the A-T. Your reporting class taught me a lot and whipped me into the writer I am now.

Christina, thank you for being a great friend to me this past year and for being able to stand sitting next to me for hours upon hours every Wednesday night.

Calvin and Evan, I'm happy Whit introduced me to you, even if it was at sticky French. I know our friendships will be long-lasting. Calvin and Neal,

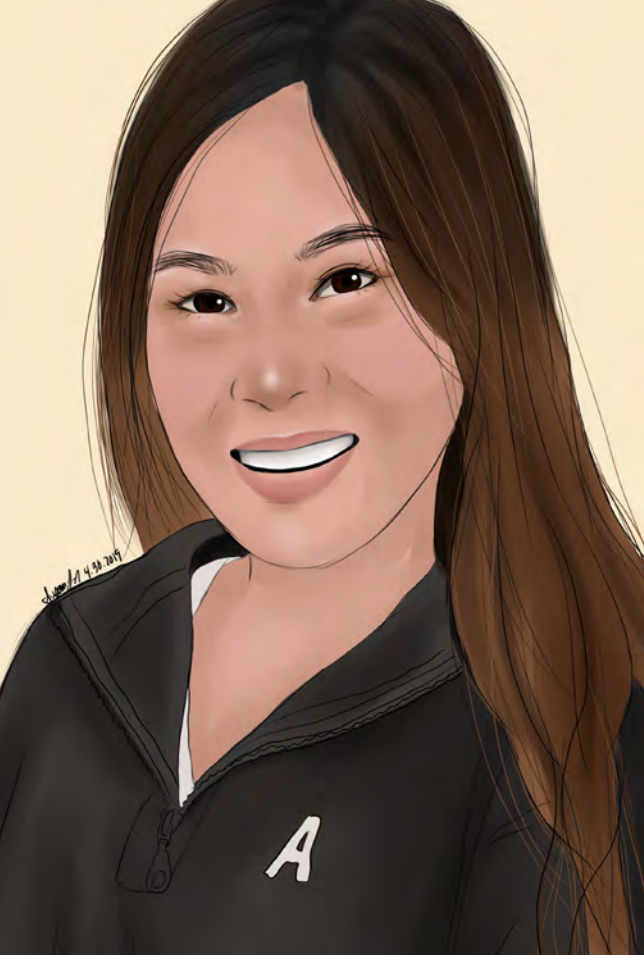
you guys have been great leaders at the A-T and have taught me a lot.

Neal, thanks for saying you needed to grab me and get out of the A-T, and for proceeding to grab a bag of trash. It's a fitting final confidence booster after my long journey here at UWO.

To the rest of the newsroom, thank you. Wednesday nights have felt like a wonderful yet dysfunctional family. I'm going to miss them.

Lastly, I wanted to thank my school for providing us with a year filled with scandal. You made this last year a fun one for the newsroom. Also, thanks for giving me a degree.

xoxo
Nikki (Gossip Girl)



Frankie Rabas, Copy Desk Chief

ART BY SUSAN LOR

Long-standing desk

finally leaves

It’s hard to believe that after nearly
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four years at copy desk, my time with the Advance-Titan is coming to an end. I joined the A-T as a nervous freshman who hadn’t even taken the intro journalism course yet; I just wanted to get involved.

I kind of owe everything to Katie Knox, who was the editor in chief when I joined the A-T. She was eager to take on a kid who had no idea what she was doing and give her a chance on copy desk. I grew from a freshman who didn’t know the difference between a headline, cutline or byline, to copy chief my senior year. So Katie, my first thank you goes out to you.

Working on copy desk for so many semesters definitely came with its fair share of good times, laughs and memories. From having spirited debates about commas to casually discussing the professor who killed his family to going on coffee runs right before Mi Taza closed, I wouldn’t trade it for anything.

Being on the A-T shaped my undergrad years by being the first organiza-

tion I joined and everyone knows I’ve been involved in a lot of other things on campus my four years here. I was fortunate enough to write and edit stories for the A-T as well as make a lot of friends as I got to know editors, writers and deskers.

Another thank you goes out to Garrett, who was copy chief my freshman and sophomore year. Garrett taught me everything I know about editing, how to have fun on desk and that the copy chief always gets to use a red pen. He was always patient with me while I learned and explained things well, albeit sarcastically. Garrett, I wouldn’t be the editor I am today if it weren’t for you.

My next thank you is for Calvin. From complaining endlessly about NEM, working on homework for PR Techniques or just talking through edits on stories, you’ve always been a fearless leader. Thanks for always being there for me and for desk!

Jack, you’ve come so far since you joined the A-T. It’s been so cool watching you learn and grow and climb your way up to editor-in-chief! Christina and Nikki, thank you for always getting your pages on desk and being there to just talk about life, eat good

food and laugh in the late hours of production night. Evan and Ally, I’m sorry for always complaining about how I “don’t know the sports” and for asking you a million questions about everything except football.

My biggest thank you is for Cody, my living, breathing AP Stylebook. Cody, I never would have made it through the last two semesters without you. Thank you for staying with me every single night and waiting it out until the very last page hit desk. Thank you for offering the occasional unexpected joke that would get the whole newsroom laughing. Thank you for knowing the answer to literally every question I ask you when I’m too lazy to look it up. Thank you for name checking. You are going to make one amazing copy chief next year!

And of course, I never would have gotten through my undergrad without Vince and Barb. Thank you both for being amazing role models, supporters, mentors and advisers at the A-T.

So, with that, I say goodbye to the A-T. It’s been a wild four years, and graduating is definitely bittersweet when you leave amazing things like the A-T behind.



Evan Moris, head sports editor

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Lions don’t lose sleep over opinions of sheep

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Hello friends, Evan Moris here. I am a radio/TV/film major with a minor in history. I was born and raised in the Madison suburb or Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin. Oshkosh has been my home for last five years and in a number of days, I will be graduating.

Let me tell you how I got here.

The first day I had ever been to Oshkosh was for my Odyssey Day when I was 18. In fact, I had already enrolled at UW Oshkosh with no tour and no previous family who attended here. All my eggs went directly into the Titan basket.

I was placed in Donner Hall, and I did not enjoy that very much. That dorm was ungodly terrible. Donner should be strapped to a rocket and sent into outer space. Then I got lucky: I received my roommate, a kid named Forrest Havens. My roommate for four and a half of my five years at UWO. Next, two of my childhood best friends were on the same floor as me, Calvin “Chip” Skalet and Alex “Al” Thompson. It wasn’t long before we picked up a fifth in our group, Tate Cocking.

We had assembled a dream team.

Together we signed a lease at the end of our sophomore year at 719 Wisconsin St.

Our squad was unlike every great dynasty in history — there was no divide, no falling out. Merely a perfectly grouped bunch of individuals.

We didn’t know it then but when we look back at it, it was the greatest choice we had ever made.

Our home wasn’t for everyone, but it was perfect for us. We named it “719.” Six bedrooms (one guest bed), two living rooms, two bathrooms, two kitchens, one huge private parking/backyard and five dudes living the college dream.

We spent two whole years in 719. Those who entered our house almost always left with a story to tell. There was sense of community inside 719 that I have never felt anywhere else in my life. In all, 719 had great times with better people.

After our second year in that house, we had to say goodbye to Al as he graduated. The rest of us were ready to move on from the glorified favela we called 719.

As year five as a Titan was looming, Chip, now the new editor-in-chief at The Advance-Titan, texted me on August 15, 2018, asking me if I would be the assistant sports editor for the paper. I was a busy boy with school, an internship and job. So naturally, I agreed to the position.

A month or so into the first semester, the head sports editor quit, thus making

me the head sports editor. As the only one left in the sports section, I needed help and that’s when I met Neal Hogden, the managing editor at the A-T. He helped me until I found an assistant (side note: Neal became my roommate second semester). Soon thereafter, Ally Gwidit became my assistant sports editor and was an absolute dynamite hire for the sports department.

Throughout my time with the A-T I did cool things like travel to Fort Wayne, Indiana to watch the UWO men’s basketball team win their first national title.

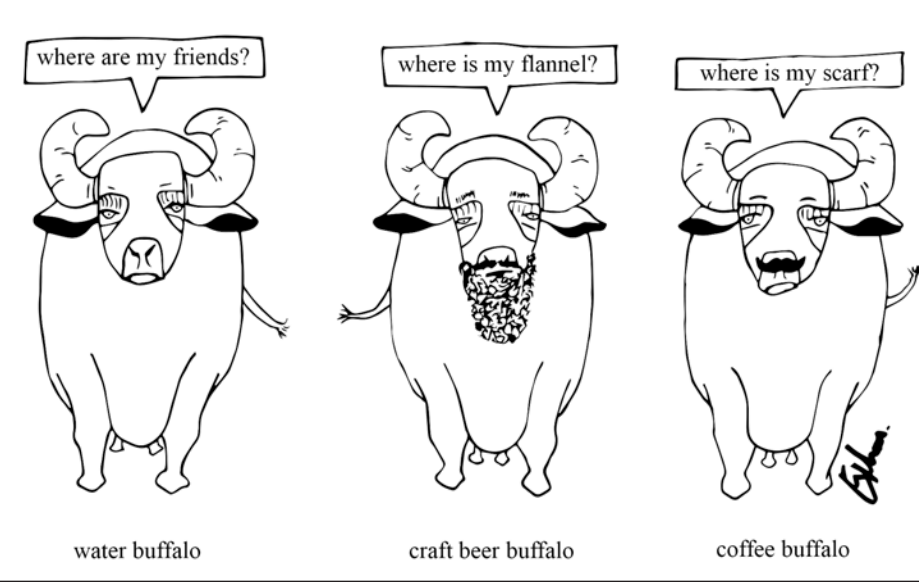
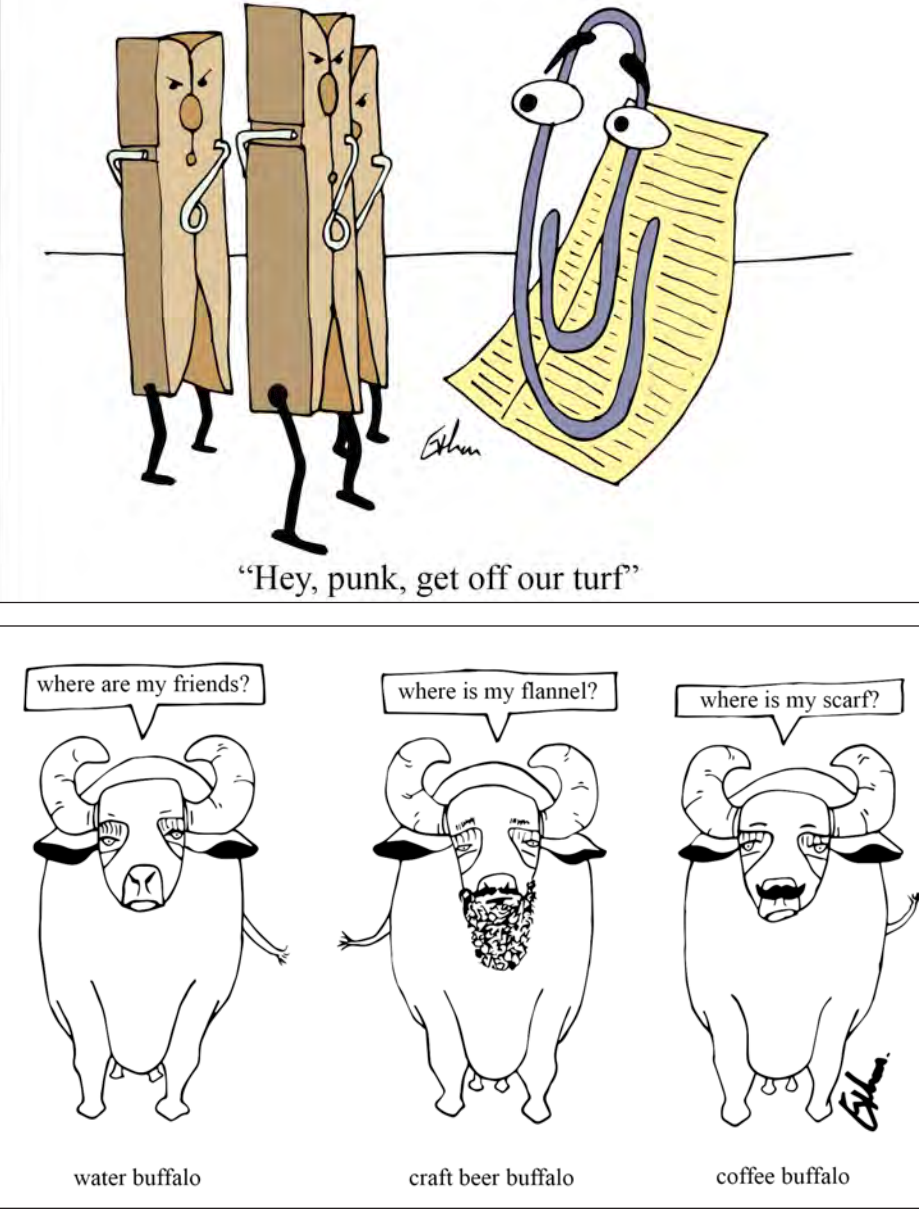
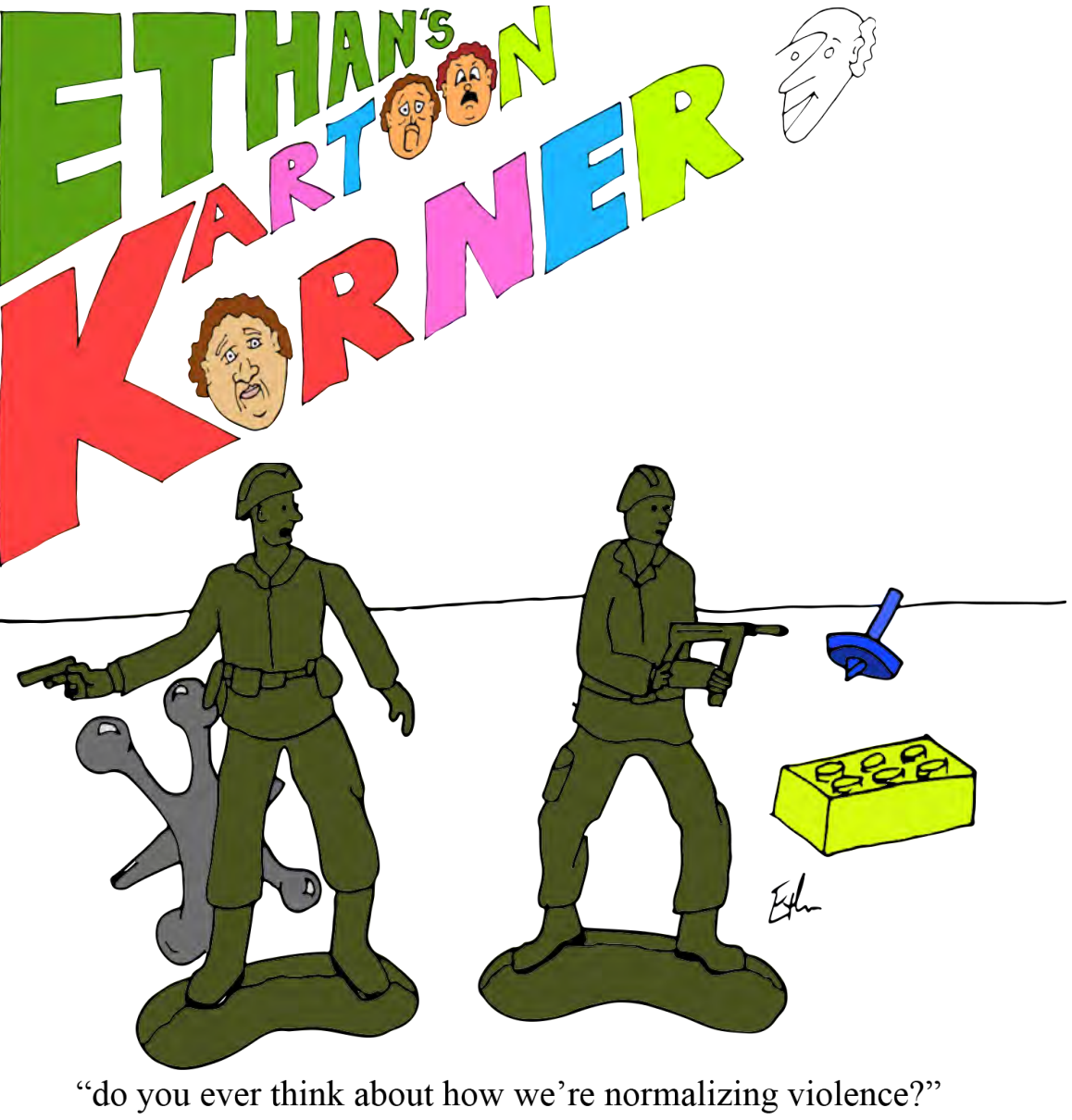
I’ve met some awesome people at the A-T like Christina Basken, Jack Tierney, Joe Schultz, Lydia Sanchez, Nikki Brahm, Neal, Ally and Chip.

Thank you to my friends at the copy desk, I’m sorry for the times I made you stay late and read sports articles. Love you guys.

Thank you to my writers, Billy Piotrowski, Alexis Durkee and Colan Trembl. I’d take a bullet for each and everyone of you.

To every A-T staff member, thank you. Lastly, to Barb Benish, thank you for putting up with myself and all of us at the A-T you truly are an animal.

And that, my friends, is how I got to this very moment in time.



Theater professor writes 10th play in 20 years

Kalinoski’s ‘Front Room’ chronicles a daughter taking back her life from her hoarding mom

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After three years of editing and re-editing, endowed UW Oshkosh professor Richard Kalinoski has finished his 10th play, “Front Room.”

The English department and women’s and gender studies department sponsored a reading of Front Room yesterday on May 8 at UWO as part of its Visiting Writers Series.



KALINOSKI

According to Front Room’s Facebook page, the play explores the limits of a daughter’s loyalty and devotion to a mother who is cantankerous and a desperate hoarder.

“I wanted to write a play about a theater professor who is of a certain age, in her very early 50s, who is divorced from her husband many years before, and who has effectively ended up being the only child in her family who tends to her mother,” Kalinoski said.

Kalinoski said inspiration for this play came from his mother, his mother’s friend who hoards and a close personal friend who hoards, or collects.

Front Room is a about a woman who regains control of her life as much as it is a story about a mother and daughter working together through a difficult relationship. Sandra, the lead and Abby’s daughter, have the most influential and emotional impact on the play, and her character ends up at the center of the story, Kalinoski said.

“Front Room” narrates someone who has a disorder, not someone who suffers from a mental illness. After studying the hoarding condition for six years, Kalinoski said he has learned the difference.

“In some ways, the clutter of a hoarder’s house is a representation of the clutter going on in their head,” Kalinoski said. “I’ve watched the television show about hoarding, this play is not the show.”

Kalinoski said he has been inspired in recent years by his renowned play “Beast of the Moon,” where he first started writing about courage and the moral dilemmas of women. The playwright with 20-plus years experience has continued to write about these themes in Front Room.

“I think it’s pretty difficult in life to make all the right choices,” Kalinoski said. “In fact, no one does. But I think it sometimes gets a little easier because you get older and learn from them over time, and you start to think, ‘I’m not going to make that mistake this time; I’m going to make the right choices,’ but it doesn’t end up being that way. And often the person doing the hoarding didn’t expect to be in that situation.”

Kalinoski spoke about six current and former UWO students and how grateful he has been of them and of all their patience, and willingness to be a part of his production and desire to work in theater.

“I remain hopeful about this play,” Kalinoski said. “I’m grateful that I have a collection of students who have taken the work seriously, and for that I appreciate them.”

UWO graduate Kellie Wambold said reading the character Sandra has been influential to her post-graduate career, and she is grateful for the experience. Wambold has been working with Kalinoski for four years and said she’s comfortable with his directing style.

“He gives his actors a lot of agency in finding their character, and once he sees choices being made, he helps to specify those choices,” Wambold said.

The Visiting Writers Series is a new initiative through the UWO English department, and it is headed by a committee of UWO professors committed to hosting writers who identify with historically marginalized groups, chair of the committee Abayomi Animashaun said.

“Richard Kalinoski is an esteemed professor and playwright committed to the educational experience of his students at this institution,” Animashaun said. “His reading of “Front Room” with student actors in departments across the UWO campus provides the kind of experiential and interdisciplinary approach to learning that is the hallmark of higher institutions.”

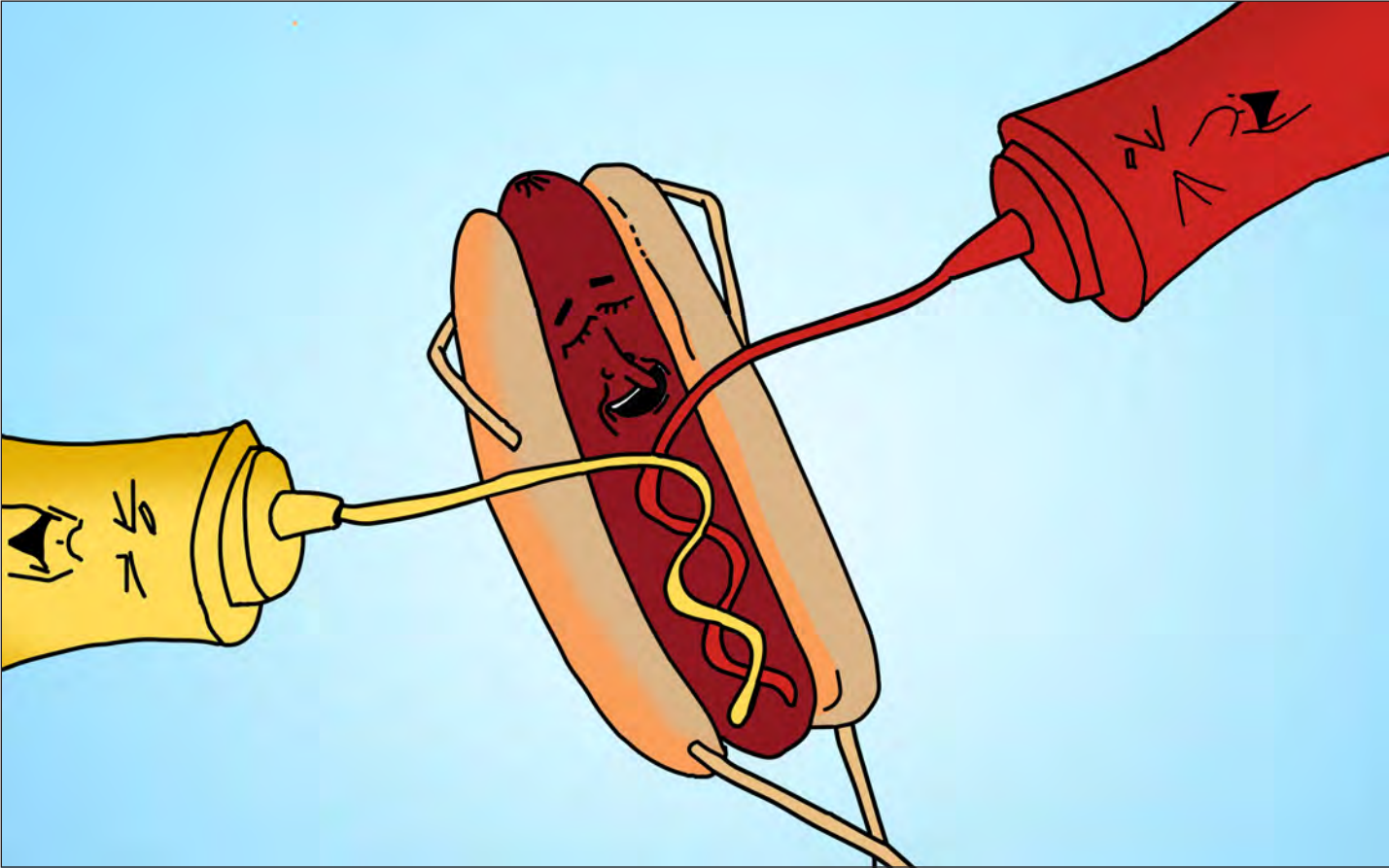


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The suspicious history of the sausage goes back centuries and is enveloped mystique and contentious debate

Chancellor, students weigh in on age-old hot dog debate

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Hot dogs, a food synonymous with American celebration, have been embroiled in debate for the entirety of their existence, spanning back over 150 years to Europe.

Of the many questions surrounding hot dogs is that they inhabit a peculiar space in the food categorization continuum, hanging on the precipice between the absolute and the uncertain.

The debate can be distilled down to the question of whether or not a hot dog is a sandwich.

UW Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt falls into the camp of believing hot dogs belong to a category separate from sandwiches.

“I think it’s its own thing,” Leavitt said. “Hot dogs are a food of the gods.”

The debate can be dizzying because the lines between what constitutes a sandwich are not exactly clear. In fact, if one looks into the history or etymology of the word ‘sandwich,’ things only get murkier.

The story surrounding the invention of the sandwich goes back to 18th-century England, when John Montagu, 4th Earl of Sandwich — yes, that’s a real place — allegedly ordered a servant to bring him cold meat on bread so that he could eat at a cribbage table without soiling his cards with greasy fingers.

Whether or not this is the truth behind the birth of the sandwich is beside the point, but the sandwich, or at least the term “sandwich” became increasingly common during that period in history.

After the sandwich came into the picture, foods designed to be eaten without utensils while avoiding a mess were largely popularized. Although both sandwiches and hot dogs share this similarity, some used it in an attempt to distinguish between the two.

“I don’t consider it a sandwich,” Hot Dog Charlie’s employee Budda Farr said. “It’s more of finger food, really.”

Farr’s distinction seems to contradict itself, as both the sandwich and hot dog are finger foods by design.

Farr’s coworker Fiera Pan tried to clarify his statement.

“It’s got bread and it’s got meat, so there you go,” Pan said.

This wasn’t helping to distinguish the hot dog as something separate from the sandwich, or putting it in a category of its own.

Trying to gather insight about how to categorize the hot dog is a job not helped by its history, which is about as clear as mud. Although the original inventor and place of invention are generally debated and unknown, there are a few notions that are essentially agreed upon by hot dog historians.

“You’ve got to remember how it was invented,” Sodexo chef Fritz Niebergall said of the hot dog. “It was basically a way for someone to eat and not use silverware.”

Niebergall said the hot dog could possibly have been invented at the Chicago World’s Fair in 1893, which is also historically referred to as the Columbian Exposition, as it celebrated Christopher Columbus’ arrival to the New World in 1492.

The hot dog was likely not invented at the Columbian Exposition, but it’s widely accepted that the popularity of hot dogs at the Columbian Exposition helped cement the hot dog’s place in American gastronomic culture.

The hot dog’s story is much like the sandwich’s story. Encased meats have been around for a long time, so long that they were even mentioned in Homer’s “Odyssey.” Important clues toward the birthplace of the hot dog, however, might be found in some of the colloquial terms hot dogs are referred to.

“Franks” or “frankfurters” refer to the city of Frankfurt, Germany, where it’s alleged that the hot dog in its modern form was developed in 1487, five years before Columbus sailed to the Americas. Austria will dispute Germany’s claim to the hot dog as the term “weiner” refers to inhabitants of Vienna, or in Wein in German.

Germans are credited with the creation of the frankfurter sausage, after German butcher Johann Georghehner created what became referred to as “daschund sausages”

or “little dog sausages.”

The theatrical mystique of the hot dog’s history came to its closing act in the early 20th century. Legend has it American cartoonist Tad Dorgan saw a street vendor in New York selling “dachshund sausages,” and quickly sketched a caricature saying “hot dog,” as he didn’t know how to spell “dachshund.”

Unfortunately, like other rumors in the history of the hot dog and sandwich, this tale can’t be verified. Despite Dorgan’s prolificacy, the cartoon has never been found. It may have never been made.

The argument for the hot dog-sandwich dilemma remains unclear. Most point to the bun as the main distinguishing feature of the hot dog.

“It’s a vertical bun,” UWO student Jake Baehman said. “It’s not two pieces of sliced bread.”

Leavitt also fell into the non-conforming-bun camp.

“I wouldn’t consider it a sandwich probably because the geometry is different,” Leavitt said.

Even when the geometry of the hot dog bun is taken into consideration, conflicting categories of sandwiches still perpetuate. If the feature that puts the hot dog in its own category, separate from that of the sandwich, is the sliced bun, there is still the issue of submarine sandwiches, which are traditionally not sliced all the way through, or open-faced sandwiches, which can be folded over, forming a sort of bun.

The argument may never be concluded. Many will write it off as semantic balderdash, while other will remain loyalists to either the sandwich or separate side of the debate. If the bun is the distinguishing feature, the hot dog-sandwich relationship could be comparable to the square rectangle relationship: all hot dogs are sandwiches, but not all sandwiches are hot dogs.

At the end of the ballgame, it comes down to each individual’s perspective on the matter. Is a hot dog a sandwich? Well, it depends who you ask.

The perfect Mother’s Day plan

Just because it’s supposed to rain on Sunday doesn’t mean Mother’s Day can’t be full of sunshine. Here’s a detailed plan for a sure-fire way to bring joy to your mom on her day.

Make her an obscenely large breakfast

Just like Paul Manafort says, “excess, overly excessive, exceed excess.” If you’re not wasting half the groceries she spent hours shopping for, you’re blowing it.

Go to the movies

Jordan Peele’s “Us” or Stephen King’s “Pet Cemetery” will be sure to ruin your mod, thus effectively taking your mood off the weather.

Go bowling

Nothing says ‘I love you’ like a beaten and threadbare pair of bowling shoes from the local alley. And germs. Bowling balls are full to the brim with germs, like you’re full to the brim with love for mom.

Go out to lunch

Nothing tells your mom you love her like a meal at the Mac

Shack. An order of fries and a McDougle will bring back to the days that were just as special as the sauce. And c’mon, a large drink is just a buck.

Take her shopping

Your mom works hard for her money, so be sure to guilt her into spending it on overpriced candles and skincare products.

Check your watch

Jeez, how long is this gonna take? Kick it into overdrive — it’s just one day.

Narrowly avoid a car accident

Man, these parking lots are full. Sometimes it’s a good thing the CR-V’s brake lock up.

Hint at the plans you made with friends later that day

At this point, you’re all getting a little tired of each other. One more stop for ice cream should do the trick.

Make a big mess in the CR-V

Fumble the cones as you grab them from the drive through. Right on the seat. And the console. And the stereo. Now’s probably a good time to let her know you love her.



LYDIA SANCHEZ/ADVANCE-TITAN

UWO men's basketball clutched its first NCAA D-III Championship title in program history with a 96-82 win over Swarthmore College in Fort Wayne, IN. The men were 29-3 overall this

A-T YEAR IN REVIEW

by: Lydia Sanchez

The Advance-Titan staff reflects on all of the sporting events, marches, silly moments, music performances and other on-campus events captured on camera over the school year.

HOLY CHALUPAS, I'M GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE!

That seems so crazy to say, and it's even more crazy to be writing this here in the A-T. When I first made my way down to the newsroom two years ago I had no idea the impact it would have on me. This student newspaper has shaped me into so much more than just a photographer; I've gained so many friendships, have been given so many amazing opportunities, explored this campus on levels I never imagined. I even started my own photography business all thanks to the A-T. I'm going to cut this here with one big thanks to everyone here at the A-T and at UWO for making my last two years of college so great.



CHRISTINA BASKEN / ADVANCE-TITAN

UW Oshkosh mascot, Clash the Titan, led the 12th annual Shamrock Shuffle 5k run/walk.



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UWO senior Jensen Hinton scoops a ground ball at first base.



ALEX VARGO/ADVANCE-TITAN

Reeve Union kicks off its first Titan Nights of the year with games, crafts, movies, late-night food and live snakes!



LYDIA SANCHEZ/ADVANCE-TITAN

UWO theater and symphony orchestra presented "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" last November.



DIANI TESSIER/ADVANCE-TITAN

UWO women's basketball finished its 2018-19 season 26-4.