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A family never forgets

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This series includes interviews with the late Stephen Kappell's best friend, sisters and the Oshkosh Police Department. The case files and evidence were unable to be located or were destroyed by authorities. Numerous news articles as well as autopsy and crime lab reports were examined to gather information.

KAPPELL COLD CASE

On an afternoon more than 56 years ago, the body of an 18-year-old UW Oshkosh college freshman was found floating in Lake Winnebago at Menominee Park.

The man was found nude and beaten, with his hands and knees bound, and a 30-pound rock attached to his feet. A coroner's inquest could not

Part 2 of a series

determine whether the man had died by suicide or homicide. Over half a century later, the victim's family still hasn't received any answers to who or what caused the violent death of Stephen Kappell.

'56 years later, I still cry'

Martha Kemp was only 8 years old when her brother Stephen disappeared, but she'll never forget the last time he re-

turned home from college for a visit with his parents, Clifford and Eunice, and three younger siblings Martha, Robert, 10, and Mary Jo, 11.

"He picked all three of us up and stood up and gave us the biggest hug ever," she said. "He was truly happy and we were happy to see him."

That happiness was strained on Sept. 28, 1965, when Stephen disappeared from his dorm room, at what was then known as the Wisconsin State University at Oshkosh, where he'd been a freshman for only two weeks.

"In our hearts, we knew something wasn't right," Kemp said.

On Oct. 18, 1965, the police knocked on the door of the Kappell home in Kaukauna and notified the family a body had been found in Lake Winnebago and it

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Kappell



Gun debate heats up

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The conversation about gun violence in America has reignited after a 16-year-old gunman in California killed two classmates before taking his own life last Thursday at Sausalito High School in Santa Clarita, and three people were killed outside of a Walmart in Oklahoma on Monday.

In Wisconsin, Gov. Tony Evers called on the state legislature to hold special sessions to discuss gun control reform. But his calls fell on deaf ears as a Nov. 7 special session was ended in under a minute with no debate and no votes by Republicans, who control the state legislature, according to Wisconsin Public Radio.

Firearm deaths in Wisconsin rose 28% from 2014 to 2017, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"A lot of people are killed because of gun violence," UW Oshkosh criminal justice professor David Jones said. "Much more so in the United States than in comparable countries like European countries."

Approximately 30% of American adults own a gun, and an additional 11% live with someone who does, according to a Pew Research Center survey.

"There are a lot more guns in the United States than in other countries," Jones said. "There's a lot of arguments about why that is the case, but because they're there, it makes them available and ... sometimes when people get angry, they grab what's available."

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Barista bellyaches: The difficulties of serving coffee

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America is obsessed with coffee. Everyone has that one favorite drink they just have to have, ranging from an Americano to a salted caramel latte.

Cafés like Starbucks continually draw people in with their popular seasonal drinks like the pumpkin spice latte or the peppermint mocha. Between July and late September, Starbucks even earned \$6.82 billion, with its market value increasing by 41%.

However, despite the growing craze for coffee, customers still don't seem to understand exactly what coffee is.

After talking to several baristas, who asked that their last names not be used, it became obvious that there are many annoyances like this one that come with the job.

For example, a lot of customers do not fully understand the differences in roasts or that coffee is

simply supposed to taste like coffee. This frustrates baristas.

"I wish people knew the differences in roasts. I feel like some people don't know that dark roast has less caffeine than a light roast," said Shelby, a barista at Planet Perk.

Amy, another barista at Planet Perk said, "I wish people knew if they come in and order a latte that it's espresso and milk. 'Cause some people come in and they think that it's like those cappuccinos from Kwik Trip and it's just all sugar and people don't know what a cappuccino actually is. So I wish people just knew that coffee is supposed to taste like coffee, not just pure sugar."

Even though not every customer knows the exact definition of what coffee truly is, they seem to have a clear idea of how they want their drinks prepared and precisely what they want in them.

Amy said one customer wants his drink at exactly 144 degrees every single time he visits. Joey, a



Ethan Usalabar / Advance-Titan

Planet Perk barista works to ensure an order is served to perfection.

former barista at New Moon Cafe, said that it can be tedious and difficult to make some individuals' drinks due to the level of specificity.

Although baristas may get irritated by specific drink orders, they especially cannot stand it when their customers don't clarify

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IT conference explores ethical dilemmas

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To avoid a dystopian future, tech companies need to close the gap between innovation and consideration because technology advances much faster than the government can regulate, tech ethicist David Ryan Polgar said at the Amplify Oshkosh Ethical IT Conference.

The conference, held in the Culver Family Welcome Center at UW Oshkosh on Nov. 15, aimed to bring awareness to ethical issues facing the tech industry.

Polgar, the conference’s keynote speaker, described his job as coming up with solutions for technologists and engineers.

What Polgar does is try to look at developing and existing technology and try to plan for the problems that can arise from those technologies.

“Think about a lot of the hot issues in the media: political advertising on Facebook, misogyny, hate speech and governments leveraging companies like Twitter,” he said. “The founders, like Jack Dorsey or Mark Zuckerberg, say ‘I didn’t think about how this could be abused.’”

He said tech entrepreneurs only took into account the best-case scenarios of how their products could be used, and they need to begin to consider the worst-case scenarios as they develop new technologies.

Whether it’s emerging technologies or smartphones, technology is already impacting our lives, Polgar said, adding that smartphones are already changing how humans communicate, live, love and learn.

“When we think about anything with IT, we’re not always cognizant of different perspectives,” he said. “Oftentimes when we’re creating something, we’re disconnected from the individuals who would actually be impacted by that technology.”

He said taking other perspectives into account is important because everyone has biases, even if they aren’t cognizant of those biases.

Technology needs to be integrated into our political process because everything being developed has large societal impacts, Polgar said. He said there needs to be a kind of symbiosis between



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ABOVE: David Ryan Polgar speaks about technology ethics.
RIGHT: A conference attendee uses a VR headset.

the media, government, the general public and industry.

Right now, he said, we’re in a finger-pointing stage, where some say the public needs to take more responsibility in protecting their passwords and personal information, while others point the finger at industry saying it needs to be more socially responsible, or at government for being too slow to regulate the industry.

Polgar said we need to move away from the finger-pointing stage and toward the handshake stage.

“It’s a little shortsighted to assume that is one category’s responsibility,” Polgar said. “What’s really happening is there’s a push and pull. There’s an interplay because the more the general public is thinking about something, the more they put pressure on politicians who then put regulations on industry; it creates an interesting feedback.”

In terms of regulating the tech industry, there’s a fear of slowing down because the United States and China are in a technological

cold war, racing to perfect artificial intelligence, Polgar said.

He said it’s wrong to look at regulating the tech industry as slowing it down “because you can’t slow down American innovation and you probably shouldn’t.”

“We want to make technologists more thoughtful on injecting a greater level of ethical thinking and oversight into the industry,” Polgar said.

He said the thought that regulation slows industry down stems from an age-old American debate: to regulate or not to regulate. What is ethically questionable behavior today may be illegal tomorrow, Polgar added.

He used the example of the internet. When it was first developed, it was thought of as a utopian information superhighway, but now it is being used for nefarious purposes, such as collecting personal data from millions of people.

“We didn’t think about how that could be abused,” Polgar said.



To create better technological outcomes, Polgar said companies need to consider how their technology can be misused, which requires them to take input from a variety of people with different backgrounds.

“We’ve seen in the social media sphere what happens if you leave it up to a bunch of Silicon Valley bros,” he said. “Social media is important; it’s how people get the news and it affects democracies across the world. You don’t just want to leave it up to one body because that would be negligent.”

Barista: Coffee workers lament over difficult customers

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whether they want it hot or iced, or when they change their minds after ordering.

“I think the most obnoxious thing I’ve had to make would be having someone say, ‘Yeah I want it hot,’ making their drink, giving it to them, and then them staring at me and saying, ‘I wanted it iced and [with] soy milk,’” Shelby said.

It’s clear there’s no end to these coffee baristas’ pet peeves, but there are some things that they specifically cannot stand.

Dana, a former barista at Copper Rock Coffee, said that customers will come in and ask for

drinks they found online. Typically, baristas won’t know how to make these unique drinks, so they will ask the customer what’s in it. More often than not, the customer doesn’t know.

This becomes a major frustration for baristas. Another thing that baristas dislike dealing with are extremely impatient customers.

“There was this one lady. [She] just ordered and we were super busy and she got super pissed because it was only like two minutes and she wanted her drink now,” Joey recalled.

In addition to the daily things that bother baristas like impatient customers, baristas also encour-

ter lots of obscure questions on the job. Some of these questions include, “Are you single?” “How many calories are in this?” “Is that certified organic?” “Is this your first time?” “What kind of drinks do you have here?” or “Do you guys have coffee?”

While dumb questions can be irritating, one barista emphasizes that there is nothing more obnoxious and awkward than unwanted flirtation from customers.

Shelby said one customer came in and ordered a wrap. After eating the wrap, he came up to the counter and she asked how it was.

He responded, “Oh, it was great. You know what you would

make? You would make a great wife.”

In these awkward situations, baristas feel trapped.

“If somebody’s behind the counter, they’re stuck there. So don’t force flirtations,” Shelby advised.

Despite all of the irritations from which there is no escape, baristas all seem to agree that the job still brings them joy and pride.

Joey highly recommended it because it’s fun and “you get to experience the whole environment of that area.” Baristas also said they feel like they make people happy just by doing their job.

Two fires, two homes, two days

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Last Thursday and Friday, the Oshkosh Fire Department responded to two fires in the span of two days, resulting in three people being sent to the hospital for smoke inhalation, according to press releases from the fire department.

Jackson Street

The Fire Department was dispatched to the first fire at 1022 Jackson St. on Nov. 14 at 10:34 a.m. when a caller reported that the downstairs of the duplex was filled with smoke.

The responding units reported the duplex as having flames and smoke coming out of the north side of the building.

The upstairs unit housed six people, four of whom were home at the time of the fire. Three of them were sent to the hospital for smoke inhalation.

There were two dogs in the upstairs unit as well, and both got out of the building safely. At the time of the fire, the downstairs tenant was at work.

The Red Cross was called to assist the occupants due to damage done to the structure. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The patch of Jackson Street from Scott Avenue to New York Avenue was closed from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. due to the fire.

Monroe Street

The Fire Department was dispatched to the second fire at 939 Monroe St. on Nov. 15 at 5:22 a.m. after receiving a call about a possible structure fire.

Two residents were home at the time of the fire but escaped safely with their two dogs. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The first units on scene reported seeing smoke and fire through the garage door. The fire and smoke spread from the garage into the home, causing heat and smoke damage.



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ABOVE: The house on Jackson Street was set on fire Nov. 14. BELOW: The house on Monroe Street was set on fire on Nov. 15.



Protests continue to erupt in Hong Kong

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Hong Kong, a nation off the coast of China, was leased to Great Britain by the Chinese Qing dynasty in 1898 following the Second Opium War. That lease ended in 1997 after Hong Kong obtained guarantees to preserve its systems, freedoms and way of life for at least 50 years.

The yellow umbrella revolution in 2014 took place in Hong Kong as a means of resistance to Chinese tear gas and pepper spray and as a petition to be able to protest their right for more transparent elections. Tens of thousands of Hong Kong residents flooded the streets for the 79-day strike waving umbrellas, and up until this year there have been peaceful protests with the umbrellas according to an article in The Guardian.

The “Fugitive Offenders and Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2019” was intended by China to extradite criminal suspects from Hong Kong to mainland China’s jurisdiction. This was seen as an infringement on the sovereignty of Hong Kong. This bill sparked a series of protests that lives on today. Of the population of 7 million living in Hong Kong, between 2 and 5 million people marched in the streets according to an article from the BBC.

The Hong Kong Police Force, known to protesters as “Black Police,” have been consistently documented in using excessive force. The Facebook page “Boston Stand with Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act” made posts on Nov. 12 from the location of the Chinese University of Hong Kong with cries for

help .
“SOS please do something; they are killing college kids NOW. Headmaster of Chinese University got teargas shot, and the assistant headmaster is in the front line with thousands of students,” the Tuesday Facebook post read. “The police are trying to get to the biggest server in HK, so they can control and to cut off international media connection. HELP!”
The conflict turned bloody on the 12th with initial numbers at 60 university students injured and one confirmed death. This week, Hong Kong police forces continue to encroach on protesters at the Polytechnic University. The police have stated the city has nearly fallen out of complete order and blames the protesters, according to The Guardian.
With these events happening so recently, the internation-

al community has not had the opportunity to respond, but an NPR report stated that officials in China were admonishing British political agents for providing help to the protesters. Houston Rockets General Manager Daryl Morey tweeted in October saying “Fight for Freedom. Stand for Hong Kong.”
China responded negatively to the tweet and threatened an embargo of the NBA. According to a report from CNBC former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, China’s heavy-handed response to an NBA general manager’s comments on the turbulent protests in Hong Kong represents a violation of U.S. sovereignty.
“When China says to the NBA, ‘Your general manager cannot say something about what’s going on in Hong Kong,’ now that’s a violation of American sovereignty because Americans

have the right to say what they please,” Rice said.
In a report from NBC news, protesters at the Chinese university have stockpiled bricks and petrol bombs on bridges and other approaches.
“It’s crazy that police have been firing tear gas for more than 20 minutes. If they didn’t come in, we wouldn’t clash with them. It’s our school. We need to protect our home,” said student Candy, 20, in an interview with Reuters.
It is clear the world is watching, but will the international community step in? That remains to be seen, but any person who is moved by the plight of these people fighting for freedom is encouraged to contact their politicians, their newscasters and send aid when able.

Cold case: Mystery and a family in mourning

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was likely Stephen’s. “Mom and Dad sat us down in the living room and then they explained that they found Stephen and that he was found in the water ... and that he was dead,” Kemp said. “I just remember asking my dad, ‘Aren’t we going to go after the people who did this? Aren’t we going to find the people who did this to him?’”

“That will never bring Stephen back,” her father told her. As the firstborn, Stephen shared a close relationship with his mother.

“To learn that your son had to go through a brutal beating, I’m a mother and I can’t imagine what she went through,” Kemp said.

According to The Post-Crescent of Appleton, Wisconsin, Stephen’s parents viewed his body before it was transferred to Milwaukee for the autopsy, but were unable to make a positive identification due to decomposition.

Stephen was laid to rest on Oct. 22, 1965.

That Christmas, Clifford brought a puppy home.

“It was a brown poodle and Mom was upset with that,” Kemp said. “She said, ‘You can’t replace a son with a dog,’ and he said, ‘I never want to replace my son, but we need to have something to bring some happiness.’”

Kemp recalls her mother sitting in a rocking chair that Christmas Day in 1965, grieving the loss of her son just two months earlier, and repeating, “The dogs gotta go, the dog’s gotta go.”

“And that little puppy jumped up on her lap and that was her buddy ever since,” Kemp said. “Dogs know who they need to comfort and help.”

They named the puppy Coco and he stayed.

Kemp said her mother never stopped grieving for Stephen, even on the day she died.

“I went in that morning and I said, ‘Good morning, Mom, I’m here,’” Kemp said. “She said to me, ‘But where’s Stephen?’ And that was the last thing she ever said to me.”

For the Kappell family, nothing was the same after Stephen’s death.

“Everything changed,” Kemp said. “Nobody talked about anything like that. I didn’t want sympathy from my classmates. I just remember not liking them saying, ‘I’m sorry about your brother.’ You don’t know how it affects a family. Sometimes my mom would cry out his name at night. 56 years later, I still cry.”

The investigation

It was raining on the night Stephen disappeared. Stephen’s best friend, Timothy St. Aubin, asserts a paper boy reported seeing some men with Stephen that night.

“They saw some fellas with this guy and I don’t think he was being handled too nicely,” St. Aubin said, alleging the police didn’t follow up on that lead.

The Post-Crescent reported:

The Saturday Stephen’s body was discovered, divers searched the lake for clues. The following Monday, police and sheriff’s department officials searched the



Courtesy of the Kappell family

LEFT: Stephen Kappell’s death certificate. RIGHT: Stephen Kappell’s state ID.

shoreline near the breakwater in Miller’s Bay.

Three days later, police made a house-to-house survey of the area and began questioning students in Breese Hall. WSU-O campus officials said they were “cooperating extensively” with authorities.

That same day, Stephen’s body was identified using dental records and fingerprints.

A week after his body was discovered, Civil Defense personnel, boy scouts and law enforcement officials searched several acres of shoreline. Boats were used to drag the lake.

Documents indicate two vitamin C tablets from WSU-O were submitted into evidence along with an athletic belt found near the boat launch and a different athletic belt used to attach the rock to Stephen.

“That [belt] was around his waist with a tethered line to that weight,” St. Aubin said. “That’s not something you wore to hold up your britches.”

The day after Stephen’s body was identified, Oshkosh Police Chief Harry Guenther said he was no longer discounting the possibility of suicide. He said witnesses were reluctant to come forward with information for fear of having their names published in the newspaper.

Newspapers reported an unidentified student was the last one to see Stephen alive. The student said Stephen told him he was leaving campus and when the student tried to talk him out of it Stephen “just walked away.”

In the book “Staggered Paths: Strange Deaths in the Badger State,” a 1965 WSU-O football teammate was interviewed in 2016 and said he heard “through the rumor mill” that Stephen’s girlfriend broke up with him and Stephen “jumped from a boat with a rock tied to him.”

But St. Aubin suspects foul play.

“Either he got in a mess with some townies or someone else had a reason to do him in,” St. Aubin said. “You don’t take all your clothes off, beat yourself up, and go out in the lake so far that when you drop the rock you’re underwater.”

Suicide or homicide?

Police Chief Harry Guenther sent a letter to District Attorney Gerald Engeldinger two weeks after Stephen’s body was identified, requesting a coroner’s inquest.

The Post-Crescent reported county Coroner Art Miller believed scheduling a coroner’s inquest was premature.

“I can’t see this case as any-



Courtesy of the Kappell Family

thing else but murder based on the information turned up,” Miller said. “If there is any information to the contrary it was not supplied when the investigation was underway.”

St. Aubin said the inquest was rushed.

“From the day he disappeared to the inquest, it was all done in three or four months,” St. Aubin said. “They had the inquest when I was still a freshman.”

“Was Stephen Kappell the likable, polite, husky athlete and ardent fisherman, murdered?” a Northwestern article questioned. “Or was Stephen Kappell the insecure, emerging-from-adolescence young man, plagued with self-doubt, driven to self destruction?”

If Kappell committed suicide by drowning, his death would have been excruciating.

“He was a lifeguard. He taught us how to swim. Water was something to be respected,” Kemp said. “I just don’t feel that he would take his life with water. He had too much love for swimming and fishing, and I just don’t think that would be his escape.”

St. Aubin said the city of Oshkosh tried to shut the case down quickly.

“First of all, do a thorough investigation and not wrap it up so quick to say he committed suicide,” he said. “Something smells.”

Coroner’s inquest

Six jurors would determine Stephen’s cause of death at the coroner’s inquest, which took

place less than two months after the discovery of his body.

The inquest lasted 10 hours and included testimony from 22 witnesses including classmates at Kaukauna High School and WSU-O, police and crime lab officials, Stephen’s former girlfriends and his parents, according to The Northwestern.

The Post-Crescent reported:

Coroner Helen Young testified Stephen was unconscious when he entered the water. Young qualified her statement by saying Stephen “could have been conscious when he entered the water and then rendered unconscious by striking something in the water.”

Young reported finding evidence of a medication in Stephen’s system, something similar to a time-delay cold capsule, which she speculated could have caused unconsciousness. She said she couldn’t determine if he received a concussion from his head injury, but it also could have knocked him unconscious.

An official testified the bindings used on Stephen’s body fit together to form the left leg and rear section of a pair of khaki trousers. Traces of similar men’s trousers were found at the boat launch about 500 yards southwest of where Stephen’s body was found; however, documents indicate this type of pants were very common at the time.

The official said it was not determined if the trouser remains belonged to Stephen. His mother testified his waist was size 36. Officials testified the belt used to attach the rock was a size 38 and

traced back to Stephen’s football uniform.

According to media reports, officials portrayed Stephen as a “disturbed man with suicidal tendencies” during the inquest.

Officials key in on knots

One key piece of evidence discussed at the hearing were the knots used to bind Stephen. The knots were granny style, which is considered inferior to a square knot. An official testified the difference between granny knots and square knots is square knots have no holding potential.

Stephen’s mother testified Stephen was a fly-tier and knew how to tie a square knot. According to the Northwestern, Stephen teased his mother because she could not tie a square knot.

Kemp recalls her mother saying investigators focused on details leading the jury to believe Stephen committed suicide.

“They just dissected every little thing they found to side it one way or the other and it always seemed like they were looking for a deeper meaning,” she said. “They really pushed it to be a suicide.”

The Post-Crescent reported Clifford Kappell testified he took Stephen to see a doctor after his son had a run-in with the law five months earlier. The doctor determined nothing was wrong with Stephen. Clifford also testified Stephen had spent the summer working at a paper mill and had done so well they wanted him back the following summer.

When St. Aubin was called to the stand, he sat next to the judge.

“Whoever was representing the city of Oshkosh kept wanting me to say it was a suicide,” St. Aubin said. “I said, ‘No it wasn’t.’ I just don’t like the way this whole thing has happened.”

Engeldinger arranged for three psychiatrists trained in criminology to be present during the inquest to evaluate the testimony. All three testified they felt Stephen committed suicide based on motive and intent.

“There is a possibility, or even a good probability, death was caused by self-destruction,” The Northwestern reported one psychiatrist testifying.

The Post-Crescent reported another psychiatrist testified a person “as disturbed as this boy” could have wanted his last play to be “a grandstand play to fulfill his feeling of inadequacy.”

“Under oath, I am convinced Steve was murdered,” Clifford testified at the hearing.

The coroner’s jury deliberated for 20 minutes before returning with a verdict written on a napkin which said, “We the jury feel that there is not enough concrete evidence to prove when, where or how the victim entered the water to prove either suicide or murder and it is the jury’s recommendation the case remain open for further investigation.”

Coming next week: The Kappell family reaches out to the Oshkosh Police Department for answers, but the police have no open cases.

WRST earns national honors

By Lydia Westedt
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WRST-FM Oshkosh, the student-run radio station at UW Oshkosh, recently won its 10th College Broadcasters, Inc. award and its ninth College Media Association award for outstanding student submissions.

Two student-run podcasts, “The Sports Page,” hosted by Nick Bode and Hunter Vaughn and “Script to Screen,” hosted by Gideon Patrick and Max Fredrick, were honored within their categories with first and third place at the College Broadcasters convention this fall in St. Louis, Missouri.

Patrick, who cohosts “Script to Screen” with Frederick, credited him with starting the show with the help of Randall Davidson, the station faculty adviser.

Patrick said the show airs movie reviews every week and often produces bonus shows for both the on-the-air and their podcast.

“My cohost Max and I tend to have drastically differing viewpoints and taste in films, so that brings a sensibility to the show that you don’t often get from other podcasts,” Patrick said.

“I enjoy working at WRST a lot, and I would honestly say it’s one of



Courtesy of UW Oshkosh Marketing

90.3 WRST-FM, UW Oshkosh’s campus radio station, recently won awards at two national media competitions.

my favorite parts of going to school at UW Oshkosh,” Patrick said. “It was awesome to get an award for all the work we put in last year, and it will be fun to see where the show goes over the coming semesters.”

Student station manager Andrew Haese won second place for Best DJ/personality at the CMA convention this fall.

Haese, a junior radio/TV/film major and journalism minor, said he came to UWO for the radio station opportunity and the RTF program.

“There’s no program like the RTF program at any other UW school. It’s something very very special,” Haese said.

“There’s so many opportunities outside of the classroom for students like me who want to just get their hands on and do stuff.”

Haese has been running his own station out of his bedroom since he was 14, with the goal of someday getting his station on the iHeart Radio app.

“I finally signed my partnership with them actually just a couple days ago so I’m officially an iHeart Radio partner,” Haese said.

Haese is currently working on getting WRST a partnership with iHeart Radio as well.

Starting A100, his self-run contemporary hit radio station, has taught him how radio works, but

Haese said working at WRST has taught him much more.

Haese said WRST is different from commercial radio stations because the music you hear is actually hand-picked, where commercial radio stations play “cookie cutter” music.

“Here, we’re playing music and we’re presenting shows that are generated by students for the community, and I think that’s key for a good public radio station,” Haese said.

Community involvement is the most important aspect of a radio station, according to Haese.

Haese said that while all forms of media are necessary and helpful,

radio is one of the last personalized media platforms.

“Radio is one last standing form of media that is truly one-to-one,” Haese said.

To Haese, creating content for the listener and getting positive feedback from them is one of the most rewarding parts of working in radio.

“The whole thing with radio is you’re trying to connect to that one listener. You’re trying to keep them. That’s the whole goal.”

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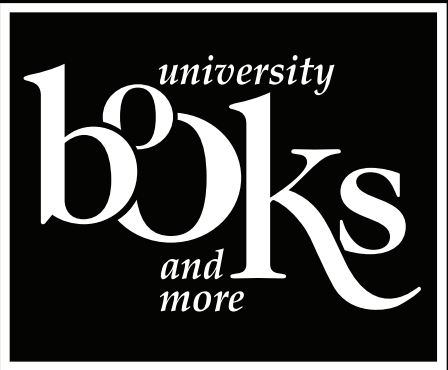
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UWO joins effort to fight world hunger

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UW Oshkosh joined the international project to fight world hunger with the Empty Bowls event held on Nov. 15 in Titan Underground, raising \$915 for the Day by Day Warming Shelter in Oshkosh in just two hours.

Empty Bowls is a grassroots movement with chapters all around the world that brings together local pottery makers and art students with hunger-fighting organizations to raise money through donating ceramic bowls and serving a simple meal of soup.

The project began in 1990 with the objectives of fighting and raising awareness toward hunger while supporting arts education.

Guests of the event got to choose from an array of ceramic bowls made by UWO students in ceramics classes and donated by art professor and ceramicist Craig Clifford, which sold for \$5 or \$10 each, with any additional donations welcome.

Participants were then given a serving of soup and bread in carry-out containers and asked to keep their ceramic bowl as a



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UW Oshkosh hosted the Empty Bowls event in the Titan Underground on Nov. 15.

reminder of all the empty bowls and empty stomachs in the world.

UWO Program Adviser for Diversity and Inclusion Programs Lee Stovall organized the event for the second year in a row.

“Lots of Empty Bowls programs take place all over the nation,” Stovall said. “And I’m happy to plan a program that gives donations to people who are doing work to provide services for folks who need it.”

Stovall gave a speech at the event talking about issues of homelessness and hunger in Wisconsin and how people of color and LGBTQ people are disproportionately affected by these issues.

“I think it’s important to think about and talk about hunger and homelessness and the ways in which we can help or how we can create an impact,” Stovall said.

Feeding America Eastern Wis-

consin found that more than 10% of Winnebago County residents in 2017 experienced food insecurity.

According to a report from the Oshkosh Area United Way, local food pantries in Oshkosh and Omro tracked a monthly average of 3,800 families coming through their food pantries, with Oshkosh Area Community Pantry distributing more than a million pounds of food in 2018.

This kind of local food insecurity makes community events like Empty Bowls so beneficial for Oshkosh.

Stovall said this year’s event was a success and had a great turnout with about 120 people showing up.

“We had six bowls left over, which is like a record; usually we have in between 10 and 20,” Stovall said. “We usually have a whole bin full of leftovers, but this year we don’t have that problem [and] I’m really happy about it.”

Stovall said that one important aspect of their position as the program adviser for diversity and inclusion programs is connecting the campus to the larger Oshkosh and Fox Valley community.

“I think we have a responsibility as a campus to be connected to our community,” Stovall said. “And I like that this event takes place on our campus and the planning and execution of the event is something that happens internally in the campus, but we are able to connect with organizations outside of the university that are in the community and be helpful in those ways.”

Guns: Recent deaths spark national conversation

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Within cities, gun violence is clustered among racially segregated, economically disenfranchised neighborhoods, according to Giffords Law Center.

“People that are more subject to gun violence are people living in the poor areas of central cities,” Jones said. “A lot of it is young males shooting at each other, and the problem with guns is it can kill you.”

Jones added the Second Amendment plays a role in preventing more stringent gun control policies

from being implemented.

“The Second Amendment of the Constitution protects gun ownership at some very basic level, that you do have the right to own a gun and keep it for your own protection in your own home,” Jones said.

UWO criminal justice professor Durmus Alper Camlibel said gun control advocates would argue that the right to bear arms, especially in the 1700s, was directed at government oppression toward the citizens.

“The Second Amendment was originally created to give American citizens the opportunity to fight

back against an oppressive federal government via a ‘well-regulated militia,’” Camlibel said. “Today, we don’t have to defend ourselves from the tyrannical federal power so they say that you are actually misinterpreting the gun laws or constitution.’ They argue that the main focus of the second amendment must be ‘militia’ clause not the ‘bear arms’ part. Because, according to those people ‘the right to bear arms should only be granted to these well-regulated groups, not to every citizen.’”

Jones said there should be more control over the gun market and

the current gun control policies should be better enforced.

“Also, I think, at least limit the availability of high powered rifles because those are the ones resulting in mass destruction,” Jones said. “You don’t need those kinds of guns to shoot a deer and if you’re shooting anything else with that, there’s not going to be anything left of it.”

Camlibel said it would also be helpful to limit magazine capacities in order to help prevent gun violence.

“Limiting the magazine capacity can help because right now they can take 30 rounds, but if you limit it to 10 rounds, it may prevent mass shootings,” Camlibel said. “So we can prevent casualties and deaths in shootings if the magazine capacity was limited for assault rifles.”

Camlibel said that gun control advocates would suggest enforcing harsher background checks, especially at gun shows.

“People go there and buy several guns at gun shows without a really thorough background check,” Camlibel said. “And the same people can buy 20 guns and sell those 20 guns on the street and there’s no background check on this type of transaction.”

UWO criminal justice associate professor Michael Lenza said the best way to prevent gun violence is to vote for someone who will make a change.

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



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State Representatives Gordon Hintz and Katrina Shankland hosted a town hall at UW Oshkosh Tuesday night.

‘It’s policy makers who are failing’

Rep. Shankland touts new bill

By Jack Tierney
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The United Faculty and Staff of Oshkosh partnered with UW Oshkosh College Democrats to host a Town Hall with state representatives Gordon Hintz (D–Oshkosh) and Katrina Shankland (D–Stevens Point).

Shankland has proposed a six-part “Reaching Higher for Higher Education” legislative bill package that funds higher education while maintaining the tuition freeze.

“I think [the package] is different than what we have seen in the past 10 years,” she said. “It’s a forward-looking package that shows us how we can invest while being sustainable and without asking too much.”

Bill One prohibits the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System from placing a limitation on the amount charged for resident undergraduate tuition unless the limitation is offset by a corresponding increase in the amount of general purpose revenues given to the Board of Regents.

“It’s important to note that the cost of education has not astronomically risen as people want to note,” she said. “It’s been relatively similar. It’s who pays for it that is different.”

Shankland said this portion of the bill relates to state investment that matches state investment of the 1960s and ‘70s that contributed 60% of taxpayer dollars to higher education.

She said what is being invested now depends on the university, but

is close to 13, 14 or 15%, which means students have to fund a greater percentage of their tuition costs that are not being supported or funded by the state.

“In the ‘60s and ‘70s, the people who said, ‘Oh when I was your age I went to school and I paid \$350 in tuition,’ you know who was paying the rest in tuition? It was the state of Wisconsin,” she said. “They weren’t paying as tuition; they were paying as state investment. We’re going to make it so that taxpayers pay the exact amount that they paid in the ‘60s and ‘70s,” if her bill is approved.

A second part of the bill package is the “Blue Ribbon Commission,” which is a 19-member commission with representation from the president of the UW System, faculty and academic staff and students from UW System schools, one chosen higher education expert, one workforce development expert and four legislators.

The commission would be tasked with studying the UW System and facilitating discussion of a public agenda for higher education, setting long-term goals and priorities for higher education and finding plans for accessibility and affordability of higher education.

Hintz did not have a bill package to showcase, but he did support Shankland’s. Hintz also expressed support for the UW System and said he is doing everything he can to advocate for investment in higher education.

Hintz said he was disappointed in Gov. Tony Evers for not generating the tuition funding that Hintz thought Evers could have gotten with better negotiating.

Shankland mentioned that in-

vesting in the UW System is investing in the state and an investment that has proven to pay off.

“For every \$1 we invest, we see \$23 in return,” she said.

People who filled the Reeve Memorial Union ballroom 307 to capacity expressed concerns for advocacy in the UW System when the question and answer portion of the Town Hall occurred.

One faculty member who said he was a member of the United Faculty and Staff of Oshkosh said that faculty members are trying to keep the morale of faculty at UWO out of classroom discussions.

He said by doing that, support of the UW System is not being recognized.

He said the current students do not know about the morale of faculty that he said has left him upset when he sees empty offices, and alumni haven’t shown much interest and the general public has been pulled by Marquette University as saying investing in the UW System is one of the lowest priorities they have for state investment.

Shankland was the first to grab the microphone between her and Hintz and immediately responded.

“At the end of the day, as lawmakers, it is not enough to just pass a budget and put out bills that our constituents want,” Shankland said. “I think it is policy makers who are failing and I think it is incumbent on us to fix it and if we are not willing to commit to at least conversations and modest investments in our technical colleges and university system while showing students and student teachers we value them and are willing to make higher education more affordable for them, then we shouldn’t be in office period.”

Faculty members honored for service

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Two UWO faculty members, Morgan Bailey and Catherine Schmitt, were chosen as the 2019 Veterans of the Game for their careers in the Armed Forces.

They were celebrated during the home Titans football game against UW-River Falls as part of veterans appreciation activities on Nov. 9.

UWO Veterans Resource Center Coordinator Timber Smith told UW Oshkosh Today the UWO Veterans Appreciation Football Game is their humble “thank you” to the veterans community.

“It symbolizes that UWO and Titans everywhere recognize and are grateful for the service and sacrifice of our military community,” he said. “This year’s Veterans of the Game are outstanding examples of those who have served our nation humbly, honorably, and above all else, proudly.”

Before becoming an assistant professor for the College of Nursing, Schmitt began her military career in 1987 with a direct commission as a second lieutenant with the Army Nurse Corps in the Wisconsin Army National Guard.

Schmitt joined because she needed to find a way to give back.

“I needed to do something more with my career,” Schmitt said. “So the Army Nurse Corps was a really good fit.”

Smith said Veterans of the Game is the center’s way to honor veterans who have some type of association with UW Oshkosh.

“[It’s] someone who’s served

honorably and someone who is associated with the university is just what we’re looking for,” She said.

According to UW Oshkosh Today, Bailey was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve Nurse Corp Branch in 1989, entering active duty service and attending the preoperative nursing program two years later.

As a faculty member, Schmitt likes to think her experience in the Army affects the way she teaches, making her more clear and organized with directions.

Smith said there used to be only one honoree, but the university made the change a couple years ago to make it more inclusive.

“It’s really easy to fall into a situation where you pick the same kind of Veterans,” he said. “I wanted to make sure we looked at all veterans and made it diverse.”

According to UW Oshkosh Today, Schmitt makes sure CON soldier students are recognized during graduation.

Schmitt said it’s important to recognize soldier students because these are the students that move quietly through the program and oftentimes, their intent is to take this education and move forward to help support our troops.

“Being a soldier [and] student is additional work, additional responsibility,” Schmitt said. “I think in some way that needs to be called out if they want it to be. I put out the call during the last four weeks and ask them to self-identify and if they do, we make sure they have their honor cord.”

Corrections

A story printed in the Nov. 14, 2019 issue, “UWO considers restructuring colleges,” incorrectly stated the timing of the report due to Provost John Koker. The deadline has been extended since publication. Departments, academic units and non-academic units now have until Dec. 10 to submit their feedback to the Provost’s Advisory Committee on University-wide Academic Structure, or PACUAS, which will then evaluate the feedback and submit a recommendation to the provost in January 2020. The process to restructure also needed clarification. Once PACUAS submits a recommendation to the provost, any affected

departments or non departmental programs would need to submit a written response to the provost and the Faculty Senate (one of four governing bodies on campus, similar to the Oshkosh Student Association) detailing their rationale and providing evidence in support of their position. The provost would then request a response from the respective colleges, set a deadline and share the departmental responses with the deans. More details, including budgetary analysis, are included in Article VII, Section 2, Item C of the Faculty Constitution, which dictates this process. You can view the updated story at advancetitan.com.

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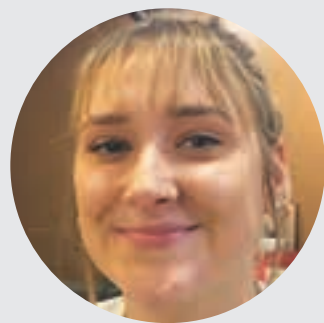
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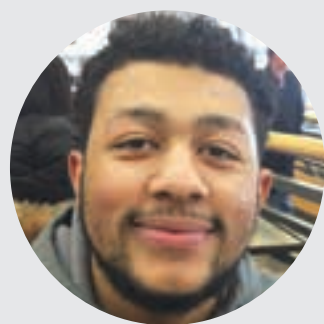
Olivia Heinzen, freshman
Hulu: “They update shows. Like, if it just aired on TV, they update it the next day.”



Cole Schalk, junior
Disney+: “I think Disney+ is a perfect ‘less is more’ sort of thing because they don’t have as many shows but they have all the ones you want to see and they’re all within a certain genre.”



Abby Shreve, junior
Netflix: “My favorite shows are their originals, so they’re only offered on Netflix.”



Branden Starks, junior
Hulu: “There is a lot more options to have TV services and actual networks like ABC. You can get a very large realm of different TV shows that aren’t so Netflix exclusive.”



Shea McCarthy, freshman
Hulu: “I really like watching ‘Adventure Time’ and I like watching the same shows, so it has a lot of my favorite shows and I can constantly re-watch them if I want. And it just has a better selection, I think, than Netflix and Prime most of the time.”

Disney enlists in the streaming war

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With the long-awaited launch of Disney+ last week Tuesday, as well as the premiere of Apple TV+ occurring earlier in the month, it seems like the options for streaming services are becoming endless.

With so many options to choose from, it would seem that the so-called “streaming wars” are truly upon us.

Among the combatants in this battle for your viewership are the newcomers like Disney+ and Apple TV+, mainstays such as Netflix, Amazon Prime Video and Hulu, and future services like HBO Max.



Peterson
With so many services entering the fray, the chances are that the movies or shows you want to watch are all in one spot are getting ever slimmer.

You want to catch up on “Stranger Things?” Well, it looks like you’ll have to keep your Netflix subscription. You feel like watching some Marvel movies? Better get Disney+ loaded up. After all of that you still feel like binge-watching “The Office” in its entirety for the eighth time? Looks like you are going to need a subscription to Peacock, NBCUniversal/Comcast’s upcoming streaming service after “The Office” parts ways with Netflix.

With all of this content being spread out, keeping up with your favorite movies and shows is quickly becoming a very costly habit. Even so, the price of subscribing to multiple services in order to watch a variety of content still remains a much better deal than most current cable packages.

Most basic cable packages cost around \$90/month, which is significantly more than the cost of your average streaming service, which usually costs around \$10/month (depending on if you want ads or not).

The catch here is that to utilize any streaming service, you need an internet connection. Most cable packages come bundled with internet as well, so if you are adamant on ditching cable, you will have to get internet separate. Depending on where you live, this can cost you around \$60/month, which leaves you room to subscribe to multiple streaming services and still pay less than you would have otherwise.

After all is said and done, what service is likely to come out ahead?

As of right now, Netflix remains dominant in terms of subscribers, boasting a massive 158 million, but its position atop the hill is currently under fire. The introduction of Disney+ not only threatens Netflix in terms of being a cheaper alternative (\$6.99/month for Disney+ compared to \$12.99/month for Netflix’s most popular plan), but for every new service that is introduced, it seems that Netflix loses more and more from its library.

Fan favorites such as “Friends,” “The Office” and most of the Marvel/Disney catalogue will all seemingly be finding new homes in the next two years with the emergence of new services.

For me, it’s hard to see a future in which Disney+ does not come out on top. Not only does it boast a library featuring some of the most popular properties in the world (Marvel and Star Wars,



namely), but it also promises a large slate of original content, with original series like “The Mandalorian” and “High School Musical: The Musical: The Series” already out and much more planned for the future.

What do the other services have going for them?

Netflix, besides having an already immense viewer base, also offers a lot of original movies and shows, which should help soften the blow of losing some of its most popular content in the coming years.

Apple TV+ has the advantage of being easily accessible to the numerous amounts of Apple device owners, but the fact that it launched with only nine programs and no library of past content seems to put it at a serious disadvantage.

Amazon Prime Video has a similar advantage, as it is accessible to everyone who pays for Amazon Prime, but also boasts

a large library of older content and has produced award winning originals such as “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel” in recent years.

Comcast’s future service Peacock will have “The Office” as well as “Parks and Recreation.” Enough said.

Ten years ago, the notion of “cord-cutting” was very much in its infancy, with only a few alternatives to cable being available, but now, as more and more streaming services enter the market, people seem more eager than ever to go all in on online viewing.

But as the number of services keeps increasing with more companies looking to capitalize on this trend and the content becomes increasingly spread out, concerns may start to arise as consumers realize how much they really have to pay in order to access all the shows and movies they want across the multitude of platforms that will be available.

“I’ve got two phones...”



Vector Marketing: Scam or lucrative business opportunity?

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If you’ve walked through Reeve Memorial Union or Blackhawk Commons during your stay at UW Oshkosh, you’ve probably come across one of Vector Marketing’s recruitment tables. The table often has vague and alluring messages like “part-time work,” “excellent starting pay” and “make your own schedule.”



Costello

Vector Marketing Corporation is

it was their fault that they falsely advertised that Vector would pay \$12.05 per hour instead of per appointment.

However, according to an article in the Washington Post in 1996, the deceptive advertising in question was in the form of mailed flyers, roadside signs and phone calls — not a newspaper ad.

“[Wisconsin consumer protection investigators] found several years ago that workers in the state earned less than \$3 a day on average selling cutlery for Vector, a company that relies solely on independent contractors as salespeople,” The Washington Post said.

These claims and unfortunate history aside, I’m willing to give Vector Marketing and Heinritz the benefit of the doubt. After all, each division of Vector Marketing is operated differently, so it’s not necessarily fair to paint the company with a broad brush.

The defenses Vector has in response to scam claims on its website are fair and accurate. The company is technically not a pyramid scheme or a multi-level marketing scam. It doesn’t require employees to buy their own kits or recruit other employees.

But because Vector does rely on its employees to work at their own rate selling knives, it can certainly appear as a scam to many people introduced to the job for the first time.

Heinritz said Vector’s negative stigma comes from a misunderstanding of what a pyramid scheme is.

“A lot of people con-

due to the nature of how it operates. I think the real problem lies in the company’s vague marketing and a misunderstanding of what the job entails.

I personally applied for a job at Vector Marketing in Oshkosh about nine years ago. I remember a strange and long interview process. It wasn’t until my second interview where I learned that I would be selling knives to friends and family.

The hiring manager seemed excited and eager to hire me, assuring me that I would make a lot of money. I left the interview happy, but I had a strange feeling in my gut. After I Googled the company as soon as I got home, I was convinced it was a scam and avoided their calls.

Heinritz said the reason for the vague marketing is because no one would be interested in the job if they knew it was about selling knives, but he said that once sought after employees are introduced to the nature of the job, they get excited about the knives.

According to Heinritz, employees are asked to come up with a list of friends and family (50-100) to do a product demonstration with (70% end with a sale). They’re guaranteed \$17 per demonstration (usually 45 minutes) and make a 10% commission on each sale (up to 30%), the average of which is \$350. Employees make their own appointments and are not paid for training or transportation. They’re also told to ask their clients to name 5-10 people they know who might be interested in buying the knives.

“I worked really hard, busted my butt, made over \$100,000 selling Cutco throughout college,” Heinritz said. “Graduated debt-free. Loved it. And now I’m the manager.”

If this claim is true, and if Heinritz followed the job description he gave, he would have had to make the average sale of \$350 (with a 10% commission) at 28,571 appointments. I’m not saying he’s lying, just that he would have to be an exceptional and ambitious salesman, which he seems to be.

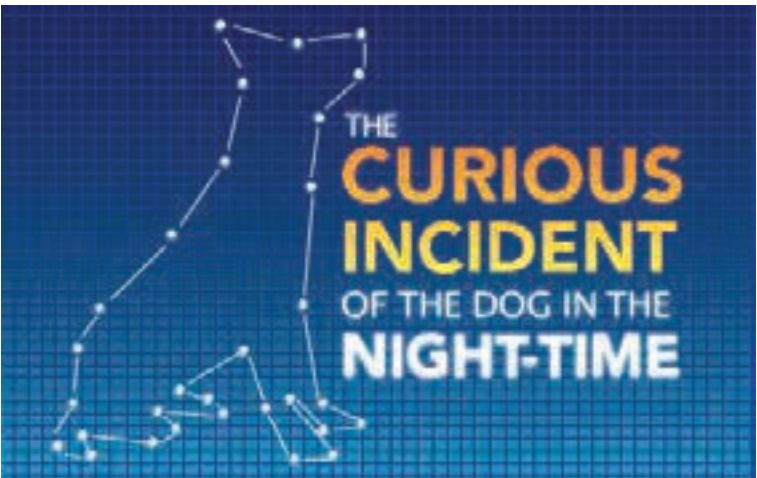
So where does the truth lie? Is Vector Marketing a scam, luring students with high promises, or is it a legitimate business opportunity for students willing to do the work?

I believe the answer is somewhere in be-

tween.

The most telling thing for me was when I asked Heinritz, “Why knives?” He seemed confused by the question, almost to say “What difference does it make?”

To me, that’s like saying, “I’m not interested in selling knives. I’m interested in selling a product.” That tells me his primary goal is to make money, not to sell a



Lights and movement: UWO Fox Cities’ ‘Curious Incident’

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The lights come up. A boy looks down at a dog on the ground with a pitchfork in its side. The lights flash on and off like a heartbeat as the boy looks in horror. Who killed this dog?

The UW Oshkosh — Fox Cities theatre program debuted their first show of the semester last Thursday, “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time,” with performances continuing this week.

“Curious Incident” is a heartwarming and mysterious tale about a scared and confused young boy, Christopher, who sets out to solve the mystery of his neighbor’s dog’s murder. What follows is a series of diversions within Christopher’s community and his own mind.

The play is rich in visual aesthetics and abstract expression. The stage is mostly bare and nearly every actor in the show recites lines off stage to add to the world’s atmosphere and emphasize certain lines of dialogue, yet the show remains a consistently entertaining experience.

“Curious Incident” is a relatively new play, premiering in 2012 at the Royal National Theatre in London that requires fairly sophisticated technology to pull off well. Because the Communications Arts Center at UWOFc is only 10 years old, and because of director Susan Rabideau’s bold ambition, “Curious Incident” is able to be given the production quality it deserves.

Compared to the average production at UW Oshkosh, the production value stands out in UWOFc’s “Curious Incident.” Aside from the unique story, captivating performances and choreography, “Curious Incident” is essentially a light show.

The Lucia Baehman Theatre is a theater in the round, meaning the audience is seated around the entire stage. The numerous high-quality lights and projectors above the stage produce bold and memorable shapes, spotlights and shadows throughout the play that emphasize every line of dialogue.

Though the set design is minimal, using only a train set and some black boxes as stage props, the show’s dynamic lighting makes every scene feel different. Some spotlights shine on only a few square inches of the stage, so choreography has to be perfect. On opening night, no noticeable cue was missed.

A platform stage was made for “Curious Incident” with a rotating circle at its center, further adding to the show’s production value and physical movement. This element, along with the lighting, create a

production that feels extremely ambitious and special. Clearly a lot of thought and effort was put into every minute of the show.

Though the stage is small and the audience surrounds it, the actors are given body microphones so they can deliver their dialogue naturally without having to project too much. This makes the experience of watching “Curious Incident” even more intimate.

Adding to the show’s visual appeal is the intense choreography. Throughout the course of the show, characters are constantly moving around to accommodate audience members on all sides of the stage. Sometimes actors are lifted up in the air or use their bodies to resemble parts of the set. Amazingly, nobody tripped over the train set that grows in length over the course of the show.

Since the play’s setting of England is essential to the plot, every actor in “Curious Incident” has the added challenge of using a British accent, which, for the most part, is convincing.

Braden Cooper’s performance as Christopher is the standout. Not only is his accent on point, but he’s believable as a 15-year-old boy with mild autism going through a rollercoaster of emotions. The script asks a lot of Cooper, including memorizing a long series of prime numbers, which he delivers exceptionally well.

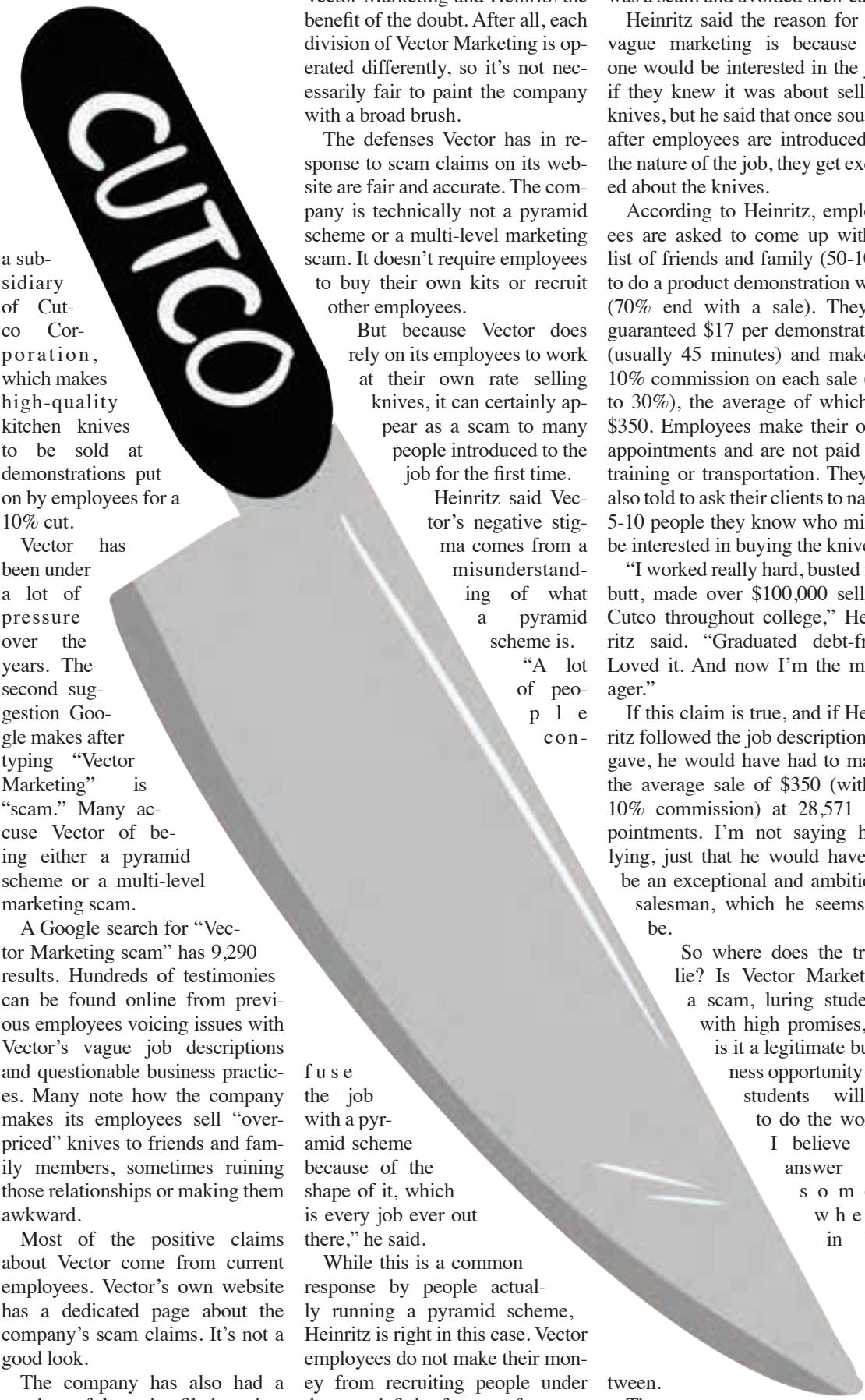
Other notable performances come from Ericka Wade as Christopher’s teacher who provides a soothing British voice as she narrates the show reading from Christopher’s journal, and James Fairchild, who plays Christopher’s father Ed with both grace and hostility.

Rabideau balances the serious and humorous tones of “Curious Incident” beautifully, all while being fairly fast-paced. On opening night, the show brought the audience to tears, then just minutes later, had them roaring with laughter.

The only notable flaw in UWOFc’s “Curious Incident” lies in its script. The show takes a while to communicate to its audience what’s going on and what it’s all about, but by the end, it’s a satisfying experience.

UWOFc has shown through “Curious Incident” that their theatre program is a great place to find valuable high-quality entertainment for all UWO students.

UWOFc is continuing performances of “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time” Nov. 21 and 22 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 23 at 1 p.m. at the Lucia Baehman Theatre in Menasha. Seats can be reserved online at uwosh.universitytickets.com. Student tickets are \$12, and well worth it.



a subsidiary of Cutco Corporation, which makes high-quality kitchen knives to be sold at demonstrations put on by employees for a 10% cut.

Vector has been under a lot of pressure over the years. The second suggestion Google makes after typing “Vector Marketing” is “scam.” Many accuse Vector of being either a pyramid scheme or a multi-level marketing scam.

A Google search for “Vector Marketing scam” has 9,290 results. Hundreds of testimonies can be found online from previous employees voicing issues with Vector’s vague job descriptions and questionable business practices. Many note how the company makes its employees sell “overpriced” knives to friends and family members, sometimes ruining those relationships or making them awkward.

Most of the positive claims about Vector come from current employees. Vector’s own website has a dedicated page about the company’s scam claims. It’s not a good look.

The company has also had a number of lawsuits filed against it, mostly pertaining to labor laws. In 1994, Vector was temporarily forced to stop recruiting in Wisconsin due to deceptive recruiting practices.

Jason Heinritz, division manager at Vector Northwoods, the regional Vector Marketing division, said that from what he’s heard, the details of the Wisconsin lawsuit are a misconception. He said that a newspaper manager confessed

use the job with a pyramid scheme because of the shape of it, which is every job ever out there,” he said.

While this is a common response by people actually running a pyramid scheme, Heinritz is right in this case. Vector employees do not make their money from recruiting people under them, a definite feature of a pyramid scheme.

“You know how many people finish college? Less than half. So is college a scam?” Heinritz said. “I don’t believe college is a scam, but I know one summer with Vector was way more valuable than the \$50,000 and five years I spent at Whitewater.”

Though I don’t think Vector is technically or legally a scam, the company certainly appears as one

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product he’s naturally passionate about. There’s nothing wrong with that mentality, but it’s certainly not a mentality that everyone can inhibit.

I think Vector Marketing is, in fact, a lucrative business opportunity for a certain kind of person. Goal-oriented, A-type, business-minded, “Wolf of Wall Street”-type individuals who want to be an entrepreneur driven by money will likely enjoy working for Vector and make a lot of money.

Heinritz agrees that the job works best with people who are disciplined, thick-skinned, hard-working and willing to challenge themselves. He said he wishes other people would understand this truth.

“With everything online, everyone putting their opinion on



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Vector Marketing’s recruitment table in Reeve Union on Nov. 11.

social media, why not get information from someone that actually has experience and someone that you want to be?” Heinritz said. “I’m not going to talk to a

fat, lazy friend about how to be healthy because they’re going to give me an opinion on what diet doesn’t work.”

Heinritz also wrote a book,

“Conquer the Post-College Passion-Slump,” where he writes about the “mediocre majority.” Listening briefly to the audiobook, he talks about a Tony Robbins event he attended.

I personally think Tony Robbins is a self-help guru bullshitter who scams people out of their money, but his advice falls in line with people like Heinritz and those who would benefit from working at Vector Marketing. It’s not an inherently wrong lifestyle, but it’s definitely not for everyone.

My only wish for Vector Marketing is that they would be more transparent to the students they scout for jobs, especially since they’re so aggressive with their marketing on campus. I think it’s a bit shady not to be upfront about the specific job requirements.

Letting students know upfront

that the job may not be for them could reduce the company’s negative stigma.

Jamie Page-Stadler, director of Career and Professional Development at UWO stands by Heinritz and his leadership with Vector Marketing.

“He is an exceptional leader, Page-Stadler said. “He is a great professional that really has the best interest of students at heart, and I will tell you that Vector is not the experience for all students. ... If we ever have a student who did an internship or had a position that was concerning, we limit what that organization is able to do until they’ve proven themselves again, and we haven’t had that with Vector.”

As for the knives, Paige-Stadler stands by those as well.

“It’s awesome!” She said. “But you’ve got to be careful. You can cut the tip of your finger off.”

Letters to the Editor

The possibilities of healthy living at UW Oshkosh

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College can be a big change from high school, and stress can contribute to unhealthy eating habits. If UW Oshkosh was filled with plenty of healthy eating choices, it would make it so much easier for students to achieve a healthy lifestyle.

First-year students are required to have a “basic” meal plan, which includes regular meals to be used at Blackhawk Commons or Reeve Memorial Union on the weekends, and bonus meals can be used in Reeve or Titan Underground.

Since Blackhawk Commons serves all-you-can-eat, it can be quite difficult to not fill your entire plate with carbs and sugar. Students mostly eat pasta, pizza and french fries because it is the majority of food served there. They also have a variety of sugary cereals and desserts which are very high in calories and added sugar.

Blackhawk does offer a small salad bar, but students have to sit in the dining hall to eat and some don’t have much time in between classes or during a busy week.

Reeve Memorial Union food is a better option for students who are in a rush, while Blackhawk only has a few options for students to grab on the go, and they

consist of breaded chicken tenders, grilled cheese or a mashed potato bowl.

At Reeve Union, the options in the marketplace are pizza, wings, subs, burritos, burgers, fries and a salad bar. Although the salad bar is a healthy option for students, it is only served on the weekdays, which doesn’t give first year students the option to eat this regularly.

To improve these issues, Blackhawk should offer salads for students to go, with fresh ingredients. They should also take some of the unhealthy options I listed before and replace it with healthy proteins, vegetables, fruit, lean meat and stir fry that contains whole grain rice or quinoa blend. Foods high in protein can be very beneficial to the human diet.

As for Reeve, they should try to take out some of the unhealthy choices as well as the chips or fries for the sides and exchange them with fruit cups or veggies trays that are included with a student meal.

Students will have more energy and feel better when eating healthy foods. The higher the energy, the better students will feel physically and mentally. Healthy eating can lead to less stress, which could result in high academic standings for many students here at UW Oshkosh.

Budget cuts may lead to larger class sizes, increasing value to Supplemental Instructions

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With larger class sizes caused by budget cuts becoming a real possibility at UW Oshkosh, you may be asking yourself, “How am I going to survive this coming semester? I barely survived my classes this semester!” Supplemental Instruction (SI) might just be the answer to your prayers!

As a freshman at UWO this year, I was looking for the most efficient way possible to study, learn the necessary material and keep my grades up. Attending SI sessions for my Geography 121 course helped me accomplish these goals.

SI sessions are essentially structured study sessions led by an “SI Leader.” SI leaders are people who have already taken the class, done exceptionally well and go on to receive extra training; they might even re-attend the course to become more familiar with the material.

SI leaders also meet with the professor of the course to discuss the material and create the best possible study session. These sessions often include diagrams,

example problems, practice tests, worksheets and educational games like Kahoot!, which help simplify the material.

In my experience, this provided me with the best resources to study specifically for my quizzes and exams.

I immediately saw a huge improvement in my grades, going from F’s and D’s to A’s and B’s on quizzes and my first two exams.

During SI, I am able to ask questions about anything I don’t quite understand during lecture, be advised on what material I should be focusing most of my time on and, most importantly, the sessions are optional and free of charge.

If I understand everything in lecture, I am not obligated to attend SI. In my case, however, I try to attend every session because two one-hour sessions per week prepare me for quizzes and exams more than if I had studied ten hours a week on my own.

These SI sessions are offered for several challenging classes with large enrollments, so odds are you will likely encounter at least one in your college career. These are classes that his-

torically have large numbers of students withdrawing or getting failing grades.

On average, people who attend eight or more sessions throughout the semester typically earn a half to a full letter grade better than their peers who do not attend any sessions.

Despite evidence showing that SI sessions are very beneficial, there are many students I know who are struggling in these classes, but continue not to attend SI because they think sessions are “a waste of time” or “won’t be any different than lecture,” but this simply is not true.

Despite larger class sizes and continued budget cuts, SI sessions can save you time, increase your GPA and teach you new study habits that can help you succeed. If you are a freshman or even an upperclassman and you have not taken advantage of this resource, I would highly recommend you give it a try.

You can find out if SI Sessions are available for your classes by checking the Center for Academic Resources page on the UWO website, your class syllabus or the first day of class you will be informed.

Wisconsin students’ high loan debt should be reduced or eliminated

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Wisconsin students are getting bombarded with student loans at one of the highest amounts across the nation, but that could change.

Currently, Wisconsin students are 13th in the nation of the highest loan debts at graduation day with an average of \$31,705, quite a bit higher than the national average of \$29,650. Additionally, 64% of Wisconsin graduates end school with debt, ranking seventh

highest in the nation.

I believe that students should be able to go to college to further their education and not have to worry about affording it or struggling to repay once they are further in their careers. I think the government should step in, even just a little bit, since students going to college continue to further their education are creating a positive economic presence after graduation.

To achieve this, the government can do a few things, including

offering tax incentives for employers to help pay students back. Tax incentives could include tax breaks for companies, which in the business setting is a big deal. If their taxes are lowered, that means more profits.

An alternative to this would be to offer the tax incentive straight to the student instead of giving it to a company. They should only offer the incentive if students stay in Wisconsin after graduation and only offer it if they do indeed graduate. If you don’t graduate,

you don’t get the tax break.

Another solution would be to lower the interest rates for all student loans or just for those who are lower-income borrowers.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren has proposed a change to student loans, one of which would forgive 95% all student loans, which would be an incredible change.

According to CNBC, her proposal states that borrowers with household incomes under \$100,000 would get \$50,000 of their student debt forgiven. People

who earn between \$100,000 and \$250,000 would be eligible for forgiveness on a sliding scale: \$1 for every \$3 a person earns over \$100,000. Unfortunately, those who earn more than \$250,000 would not get any debt relief.

Such changes would provide Wisconsin student graduates with an ease of worrying about how they are going to pay off their debt. They can instead focus on their studies as well as working toward making our economy even better than it is.

Cats do downward dog



Ethan Uslabar / Advance-Titan

People do yoga Saturday morning as feline friends play in the cat lounge at Pawffee Shop Cat Cafe.

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A yoga class at the Pawffee Shop Cat Cafe in Appleton on Saturday was joined by a group of uncommon guests: cats.

As people did downward dog and warrior poses, the furry critters weaved through their legs and arms, whisking their tails up through the participants’ hair.

The storefront of the Pawffee Shop faces east and is filled with warm morning rays. Inside, the bright café features large picture windows looking into the adjoining room where adoptable cats roam about. Customers can take their beverages and pastries into the cat lounge and mingle among them.

The yoga session cost participants \$15, and the proceeds went to Safe Haven Pet Sanctu-

ary, a Green Bay nonprofit that rescues cats with special needs such as blindness, missing limbs or abused cats. Leah Enking co-owns the Pawffee Shop with Elizabeth Feldhausen, who also runs the Pet Sanctuary.

“This essentially is a satellite location for [Safe Haven Pet Sanctuary] in order to get the cats adopted, so they can help more cats up there,” Enking said of the cat café.

The Pawffee Shop is a for-profit business that supports Safe Haven Pet Sanctuary. The fees for the yoga class and other donations are used to support Safe Haven Pet Sanctuary. The Pawffee Shop generates profit which pays the rent for both the café and the cat lounge.

“It’s most likely going to be a monthly thing,” Enking said of the yoga sessions. “It’s just a

great way to bring people in and see them interact with the cats.”

The inspiration for opening the café came after Enking stumbled across a social media post from a friend who had just visited a cat café elsewhere in the country. After seeing that, Enking knew she had to open one.

“It caught my eye and thought it was a neat idea, and then I just got it into my head that this was what I wanted to do with my life,” Enking said.

Three years later, Enking and Feldhausen have blended their passion for cats and coffee into a reality. The Pawffee Shop Cat Café opened its location at 1745 N. Casaloma Drive in Appleton on Aug. 31.

“We’re just trying to find them homes,” Enking said. “That’s really the ultimate end goal for all of it.”



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Battle of the Bands

Students displayed their musical talents in live sets at the battle of the bands competition last week Thursday in Titan Underground. ABOVE LEFT: Zach Miller of the band “Happy to Be Here” sings as James Kies plays saxophone in the background. “Happy to Be Here” went on to win the competition. ABOVE RIGHT: Freshman hip-hop artist Chris Jewson takes the stage.



James Kies’ Key Picks

Hello! My name is James, resident music composition student and music lover! This week’s picks are all electronic/trap influenced bangers to get you pumped up for whatever you need to pump up for. Or if you’re me, you relax to it. “Praey” by the wonderful EAST-GHOST is a 7-minute masterpiece of sampling, mixing and fat 808s. “enough” by classic wave-trap artist “vowl.” is a splendid little ditty featuring his signature sound, this one really just sounds like vowl. Alasen’s “Transcendence” is a short track featuring chilling choir samples and a bass sample that may or may not destroy your speakers. Consider yourself warned. Tsuruda’s “Kimichi Crisis” features one of the dirtiest, grittiest, ear-tickling basses I have ever heard. Enough said. Finally, WHITE KATANA’s “SORCERER” is a through and through cookie-cutter trap beat, but it still absolutely knocks your noggin off. Hope you enjoy. Happy up-turning.

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Take/Five, vowl.
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Transcendence

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WHITE KATANA
SORCERER
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How to ruin Thanksgiving

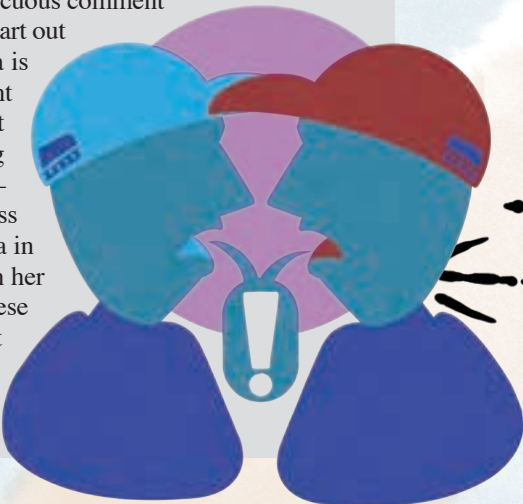
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Thanksgiving. What a day. With so many moving parts, friends, family and food, it can be easy to get caught up in the spirit of being thankful, or accidentally gorge yourself on the splendid presence of those you love. While that might sound great, don't forget what Thanksgiving is really all about: stifling any semblance of your personality

in front of people you see once a year, mainlining cortisol, and trying not to scream, rip your hair out, or tell grandma the turkey tastes like a lumpy cardboard clod pulled from the underbelly of a Nissan Altima in mid-November. Sorry grandma, sometimes the truth hurts. So if you want to ensure you have the perfectly disastrous Thanksgiving we've all come to love, look no further than the page before you.

Bring up politics

Would it really be Thanksgiving if your uncle wasn't slamming his silverware on the table, ripping your dad's head off about the politics that have pervaded every moment of our modern lives? Nope. Invariably, somebody will twist a small, innocuous comment and turn it political. Things will start out relatively civil, but when grandpa is five beers deep and the argument cuts a little too close to home, it won't be long until you're using your plate as a shield to block airborne crescent rolls flying across the table. Boof! One hits grandma in the face, but hey, better there than her fresh perm. If you've followed these two steps, you're off to a great start. You might be wondering how you could make dinner better? Well, you could...



Get drunk before the guests arrive

The reasons to follow this step are countless, really. For one, it lowers the likelihood of you remembering the soon-to-be disastrous day at all. Secondly, it makes aunt Karen's whiny complaints about everything from the drive up to the color of the napkins slightly — really, just slightly — more bearable. Third, the meal your grandma's prepared, some dried out meat-thing, allegedly a creature called a turkey, might actually make it to your stomach without activating your gag reflex. This will give the impression of you having actually enjoyed it, thus scoring you major grandma points. Whatever those are. At any rate, getting drunk before the guests arrive guarantees that you'll be right on pace to escalate things when somebody makes the downright brilliant decision to...



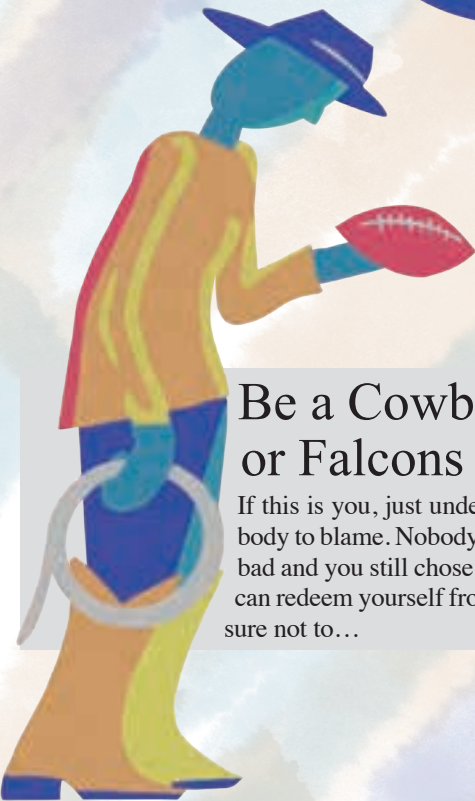
Allow the vegans to speak

If you didn't follow the first step, now is the time to get started on that. A couple glasses of mind-numbing fluid is frankly the only antidote for the impending series of insufferable lectures from your condescending, pseudo-intellectual cousin. "Did you know that meat clogs your arteries?" Yes. We did know that. "And you're eating it anyway?" Yes. We are eating it anyway. "How could you?" Well, it turns out we like to be able to describe our food with words other than "gray." Speaking of gray, the bleak, unchanging late-November sky's tone is about as bright as the remainder of the football season for your relatives who happen to...



Be a Cowboys, Bears or Falcons fan

If this is you, just understand you don't have anybody to blame. Nobody forced this on you. They're bad and you still chose them. But don't worry; you can redeem yourself from this, so long as you make sure not to...



Show your family your new tattoo

There will be tears, there will be laughter, groans, askant looks all about the room. Your siblings mock you, your parents berate you, your grandma — oh, did you forget her? Is she still down in the basement? Your grandpa shakes his head and mumbles through half-drunken lips about "back in his day." You overhear him. Your eyes meet his gaze from across the room. Something deep inside tries to hold you back, but you've been sipping White Claws and Mike's Hard Lemonade since noon, and you're too far gone to stay in control. You let it slip. "OK, boomer." Mayhem breaks loose. Your mother winces, your father, too drunk to really care anymore, half-heartedly scolds you. Your grandpa literally begins disintegrating. Grandma — are you going to do anything about her? Is she still down there in the basement? — Things have really fallen apart. The only thing that could make the



Give grandma too much wine

Oh dear. She's gone and done it again. Whose fault is this? Who left the chardonnay on the table? There will be so many questions, and so few answers, but this inarguably is the turning point of the night. It could go either way, to be completely fair. Maybe grandma's a hoot. Maybe she's going to let out all the first-rate, gut-busting dirty jokes she's kept pent up in her mind all these years. Maybe she'll tell you about falling in love. But she probably won't. Nope. Instead, you'll find her in the basement, struggling into an old recliner that she gave your parents ages ago, muttering nonsense about a girl your dad dated in high school and — oh, there she goes — outing herself as a racist. This is a good time to...



Run out of stuffing

Eleven years ago, on Nov. 20, NBC aired episode nine in season five of "The Office." Should you run out of stuffing, it would perhaps provide the most justified reference to Michael Scott's memorable quote from that particular episode, "Noooo, God! No, God, please, no. No. No! Noooooooo!" This is really the greatest Thanksgiving sin. Everything else will eventually fade from memory. Grandma's racist outburst, your stumbling father, your screaming relatives, Karen's irritating voice. All of them will be swallowed up and forgotten by the unstoppable forward march of time. But if you run out of stuffing you can expect to never live it down, your relatives will never forget and possibly even excommunicate you.



Sports

Warhawks down Titans win WIAC championship



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In thrilling fashion, UW Oshkosh fended off the No. 3 ranked team in the nation to not only win the WIAC football title, but secure a spot in the Division III playoff chase.





Courtesy of UW Oshkosh University Marketing & Communications
LEFT: Kollyn Beyer (38) celebrates an interception with a few teammates. RIGHT: Junior Brandon Hughes (95) reaches for a UW-Whitewater running back.





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#21 UW Oshkosh Titans



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Ron and Joyce Schipper Stadium in Pella, Iowa



Courtesy of UW Oshkosh University Marketing & Communications
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ABOVE: Freshman Peter MacCudden hurdles a Warhawk defender. MacCudden rushed 13 times for 34 yards in the victory.
RIGHT: Nearly 1,700 fans braved the cold to cheer on the Titans.

Haag, defense leads UWO to postseason

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Three weeks ago, the UW Oshkosh football team suffered a 28-point loss to UW-La Crosse and was on the outside looking in at a chance at the playoffs. On Saturday, Nov. 16, they beat nationally ranked UW-Whitewater and earned an automatic playoff berth. The team rallied back from the 31-3 loss and strung together a three game winning streak against UW-Platteville, UW-River Falls and UW-Whitewater. The win against UW-Whitewater last Saturday brought the Titans to 6-1 in conference and earned the Titans the title of WIAC co-champions with UW-Whitewater who ended the season 6-1 in conference as well. UWO and UWW traded the lead five times in a game that came down to the wire as the Titans prevailed 27-20. The Titans showed their talent under pressure as freshman quarterback Kobe Berghammer connected with junior Mitchell Gerend for a 35-yard touchdown on fourth down with under ten minutes left in the game. The touchdown tied UWO with UWW and sophomore Jaydon

Haag's clutch extra point gave the Titans a 21-20 lead. Haag made a major contribution to the team's win on Saturday, kicking a 42-yard and a 49-yard field goal late in the fourth quarter to seal the Titans' victory. Despite his inexperience as a place kicker, Haag doesn't have trouble having to perform in high-pressure moments. "I didn't kick in high school so I honestly don't get nervous," Haag said. "Every kick is the same, I go out and I kick the ball." In addition to Berghammer's touchdown pass to Gerend, Berghammer also recorded a rushing touchdown as did senior Riley Kallas. The UWO defense embarrassed the UWW offense as the Titans forced five interceptions, the most Whitewater has thrown in a game in more than 20 years. Junior Kollyn Beyer recorded one of the five Titan interceptions last Saturday, bringing his total on the year to five, the best in the

WIAC. Beyer credited his success forcing turnovers to great team play on defense. "It's mostly just about doing my job, and trusting the ten other guys to do their job," Beyer said. "When we are all doing our jobs we are all going to make plays." Since UWO earned co-conference champion honors, they earned an automatic playoff berth. However the seeding of the post-season tournament was not determined until Sunday. The UWO football team, coaching staff and some dedicated fans gathered in Sage Hall Sunday to watch the livestream of the tournament selection. UWO was selected to play Central College of Pella, Iowa on Saturday, Nov. 23, in the first round of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III football tournament. After the selection process, head coach Pat Cerroni briefly addressed his team. "Good job, it's one at a time from here," Cerroni said. Cerroni then asked the team seniors if they had anything to add. One senior spoke up without hesitation. "Let's get it."





Courtesy of UW Oshkosh Photoshelter
Senior Olivia Campbell drives to the hoop against her opponent in Oshkosh's 68-54 win over Saint Mary's University (Minn.).

Women's basketball goes 1-1 in tournament

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Over the weekend, the UW Oshkosh women's basketball team competed in the Loras College Tip-Off Classic and had a split record of 1-1. This performance improved their overall record to 2-1.

The Titans' first matchup was up against the Augustana College Vikings, who they defeated by a score of 65-46. The impressive win was led by Leah Porath's 22-point performance. Porath shot 9-for-10 from the field and a perfect 4-for-4 from behind the arc.

"I think that we've been playing well together," said Porath. "We've been hitting the outside shot pretty well as well as getting rebounds."

Olivia Campbell led Oshkosh in rebounds with four and assists with three, while Katie Ludwig recorded three steals.

A major key in Oshkosh's dominant victory was their stellar defense. In all, the Vikings only managed to shoot 42.6 percent (20-47) from the field and 20 percent (2-10) from 3-point range. Among the scoring leaders were Alexis Jones and Gabriela Loiz who paced the Vikings by scoring 10 points apiece.

Ball facilitation also proved to be a key factor in Oshkosh's

successful start to the tournament against Augustana. UWO tallied nine assists while holding Augustana to just five while forcing them to commit 17 turnovers.

Oshkosh lost their first game of the season in their Loras College Tip-Off Classic Championship appearance against Loras College by a score of 88-83 where the game had to go to overtime before it was officially decided. Porath's layup tied the game and forced overtime when she laid the ball in with seven seconds remaining in regulation.

In overtime, Oshkosh missed a couple of crucial free throws before permanently losing the lead at 86-83. From there, Loras pulled away and secured the win.

"They were really good," head coach Brad Fischer said. "They had four all-conference players coming back from a 22-win team. I think we answered the bell unfortunately we just couldn't finish the deal when we got into overtime."

In terms of what went wrong for the Titans, they were dominated on the boards, being out-rebounded 36-28. These rebounds ultimately helped Loras capitalize more on Oshkosh's misses than the other way around, considering that both teams shot the ball with a similar success rate. Oshkosh shot the ball at 45.9% and Loras shot the ball 46.8%.

Additionally, Oshkosh didn't capitalize on turnovers as much as Loras did. Although Loras turned the ball over more than Oshkosh, at a rate of 15-13, Oshkosh was only able to capitalize with 15 points to Loras' 20.

"We're not super experienced," Fischer said. "There's a lot of little things that we watched in film this weekend that we need to take more seriously on a daily basis. Defensively we have to be a lot more disciplined and more assignment-sound."

Despite the loss, Oshkosh had a lot to be proud of in this championship match. Leah Porath once again set a new career high in points with 26, while completing her double-double effort with 12 boards.

"She's playing really confident," Fischer said. "She's playing in her own comfort zone right now. She can pick her spots and she is shooting the three incredibly."

The Titans will travel to Milwaukee next weekend for a pair of games at Wisconsin Lutheran College's Paul Kneuppel Classic. The Titans will open the tournament against 10th-ranked DePauw University (Ind.) on Friday, Nov. 22 in a rematch of the 2019 Oshkosh regional championship game that the Titans won, 54-52, on a basket with less than two seconds remaining.

Wrestling pinned by UW-Eau Claire

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The UW-Oshkosh wrestling team was defeated by UW-Eau Claire 25-9 last week Wednesday in their dual meet matchup as the Blugolds claimed the first seven contests.

Neither team would score or surrender a pinfall victory during the night, as the three Titans to score victories all won via decision.

Sophomore Bryce Herlache, wrestling at 184 pounds, remained undefeated on the season, as he defeated UWEC's Grant Balconi in a 6-4 decision to give the Titans their first win of the night. Herlache is now 6-0 on the season, with two such victories being by pinfall.

This win came after the Blugolds rallied to take seven consecutive matches to claim a 25-point lead, one that would go on to be impossible to relinquish.

Other Titan wrestlers to win their matches include senior Colten Cashmore at 197 pounds, defeating UWEC's James Huntley by a 4-3 decision, and junior Jordan Lemcke at 285 pounds, who defeated UWEC's Austen Hakes by a 10-6 decision.

The dual meet at UW-Eau Claire's McPhee Physical Education Center started with the 125-pound matchup as Eau Claire's Jack Harley took on Oshkosh freshman Denis Murphy. Murphy would be defeated 19-9 via major decision to give the Blugolds the lead at four points to zero.

At 133 pounds, sophomore AJ Schoenfuss would be defeated 12-9 by UWEC's Thomas Severson, resulting in a decision win and three more points for the Blugolds, now up seven points to zero.

Sophomore Kobe Allen would represent the Titans at 141 pounds, but would fail to right the ship for the team, being defeated by a 13-0 major decision by UWEC's Tyler Demo. The Titans were now behind 11 points.

This trend would continue for UWO, as freshman Keagan Lazar would lose to UWEC's Jake Drexler by way of an 8-6 deci-

sion in the 149 pound matchup. The Blugolds were now leading 14-0.

Senior Nate Arquinego would represent Oshkosh at 157 pounds, but fail to give the team their first win of the meet, as Arquinego would be defeated by UWEC's Adam Reints by way of a 12-3 major decision. This would give UWEC four more points to hold an 18 point lead.

At 165 pounds, and nearing the end of the Titans chances at securing their first conference meet victory, sophomore Muzi Sitshela would fail to secure a win, as UWEC's Chase Schmidt would claim a 13-2 major decision win over Sitshela.

The Titans now faced a 22-point deficit, and needed to win their next match by way of a major decision or more to rally back.

Unsuccessfully for the Titans, the 174 pound match would decide the night for Eau Claire, as sophomore Jordan Blanchard would suffer his first loss of the season by way of a 5-2 decision to UWEC's Evan Lawrence, and offering the Titans no way back into the contest, as Eau Claire was now up 25 points with only three matches left on the card.

Herlache, Cashmore, and Lemcke rallied the Titans back to win the final three matches, all by way of decision as aforementioned, but the night had already been decided. The final score concluded at 25-9 in favor of the Blugolds.

UWO still leads the all-time series against UWEC 24-15-1, with their last victory occurring last season on November 13, 2018. The Titans won that meet 27-15.

The nine points scored by the Titans totaled the lowest output by the team in a dual meet since a non-conference loss to Wabash College (Ind.) on January 20, 2018, when the team lost 44-3 to the then-fifteenth ranked squad.

After a break for the team over the weekend, UWO (0-2) prepares to host UW-Stevens Point (5-0) this upcoming Thursday as the Titans hope to upset the Pointers to claim their first meet of the season.



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Sophomore Kobe Allen grapples with an opposing wrestler during the Dan Gable Open on Nov. 9. UWO lost to UW-Eau Claire on Saturday 25-9, making them 0-2 in WIAC competition.

Upcoming Events



Saturday Wrestling
at Concordia University
Wisconsin Open
9 a.m.

Men's Cross-Country
at NCAA Division III National Championship
9:45 a.m.

Women's Cross-Country
at NCAA Division III National Championship
10:45 a.m.

Saturday Football
at Central College (Iowa)
Noon

Women's basketball
at Ohio Northern University
1 p.m.

Men's basketball
at Elmhurst College (Ill.)
3 p.m.



A UW Oshkosh swimmer performs the backstroke at the home meet against UW-Eau Claire on Oct. 12. Courtesy of UW Oshkosh Photoshelter

Titans dive into the season with competitive team placement

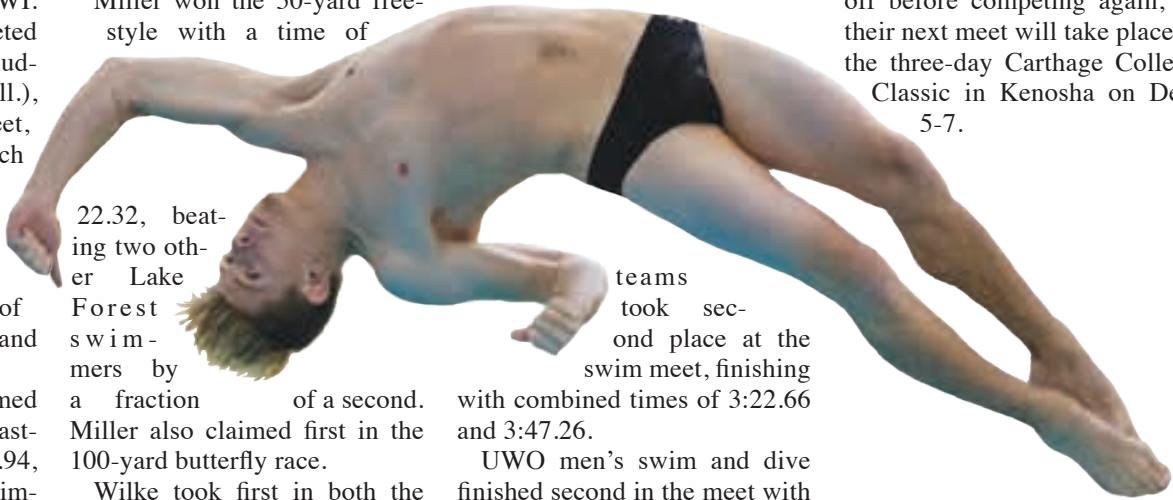
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The Titans dove into action as the men’s and women’s swim and dive teams fought to claim 2nd and 3rd in the Gene Davis Invitational at Lawrence University on Nov. 16 in Appleton, WI. UW Oshkosh competed against five other teams, including Lake Forest College (Ill.), which placed first at the meet, and Carroll University, which came in at second place. Freshman Mariah Marowsky lead the Titans efforts with three first-place finishes, leading the school of swimmers in the 500-, 200- and 100-yard freestyle matches. Junior Rebecca Birriel claimed first place in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:42.94, leading the second-place swimmer by nearly five seconds.

Sophomore Alyssa Hassel took a first-place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:15.06. For men’s swimming and diving, freshman Jack Miller and junior Matt Wilke led the Titans, each taking away two wins. Miller won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.32, beating two other Lake Forest swimmers by a fraction of a second. Miller also claimed first in the 100-yard butterfly race. Wilke took first in both the one-meter dive and the three-meter

dive, claiming his place as the meet’s leading diver. Junior Jarrett Lieder won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:48.76, gaining more precious points for the Titans. For UWO, both the men’s and women’s 400-yard freestyle

Forest College’s first-place finish of 668 points. UWO women’s swim and dive finished third overall in the meet, racking up 552 total points. Lake Forest College finished first with 600 points. The Titans have time to cool off before competing again, as their next meet will take place at the three-day Carthage College Classic in Kenosha on Dec. 5-7.



teams took second place at the swim meet, finishing with combined times of 3:22.66 and 3:47.26. UWO men’s swim and dive finished second in the meet with 482 points, coming behind Lake

Men’s b-ball drops first game of season

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The UW Oshkosh men’s basketball team lost its first game since Feb. 21, 2018 to Carthage College on Tuesday night. With 59 seconds to play, senior Adam Fravert went coast to coast and was fouled. He knocked down both free throws to bring UWO to within one but the Titans were unable to get connect on another basket. With the Titans within one in the waning seconds a 3-point attempt by David Vlotho was off-line and Carthage ran away with a 64-57 victory. The team as a whole had an off shooting night as it made four of its 24 3-point shots for a season-low 16.7 percent. Additionally, UWO was only 28.4 percent from the field and 62.5 percent from the free-throw line. Over the course of the game, UWO’s biggest deficit came at the 13:34 mark of the second half when they trailed Carthage by a score of 42-29.

Carthage was out-rebounded by the Titans by 15 boards as UWO held a 53-38 advantage. Last season, the Titans out-rebounded their opponents in 28 out of the 32 games. They won 26 of those contests as opposed to going 2-2 in games where they lost the rebound battle. The Titans also lost the paint battle as they were outscored 36-30 by Carthage in that department. UWO’s poor shooting, combined with committing 18 turnovers helped Carthage achieve the upset. Oshkosh’s bench also struggled in the game as they recorded six points on 2-7 shooting from the field. After an 18-point, career-high performance in the game against North Central College (Ill.), sophomore Eric Peterson went 3-13 from the field with nine points against Carthage. Senior Jack Flynn was in foul trouble all night but still scored 17 points and pulled down eight rebounds in 17 minutes.

Junior Connor Duax recorded a double-double as he snagged 11 rebounds and scored 12 points but also committed five turnovers and fouled out in the last minute of the game. Fravert had a career-low shooting night for UWO. He launched 15 shots (including nine from 3-point range) and only connected on one. However, he went 8-8 from the free-throw line and recorded five blocks in 39 minutes of action. Jordan Kedrowski led Carthage with 20 points on 8-14 shooting while playing all 40 minutes of the game. UWO will look to recover from the loss with home games against Elmhurst College (Ill.) and Edgewood College on Nov. 23 and Nov. 26.

Cross-country is getting on track

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The UW Oshkosh men’s and women’s cross-country teams each took seventh place at the NCAA Division III Midwest Regional at Lake Breeze Golf Course in Winneconne, each missing out on the team qualifiers for the National Championship meet by five places. The Titans will, however, send one male and two female runners to the D-III Championship meet in Louisville, Kentucky on Saturday. Cody Chadwick finished 11th at the meet, being awarded one of the at-large national bids for

individuals on teams that did not qualify for the meet, while Ashton Keene and Hannah Lohrenz received at-large bids after finishing 17th and 19th respectively. “Our NCAA qualifiers, Cody, Ashton and Hannah, recovered on Sunday and Monday by doing some easy running and some cross-training,” coach Eamon McKenna said. “They will have their last hard workout on Tuesday before doing some maintenance running the rest of the week to gear up for Nationals. All three are looking forward to the opportunity, and they will seek to end the season with their best races of the year.”

For those who did not qualify, they will be preparing for the upcoming track and field season, which starts with the UW Oshkosh Early Bird Invitational on Dec. 7. “Much of the team immediately moves their attention toward the track,” McKenna said. “We will have a number of our distance runners competing in our first track and field meet at Kolf Sports Center on Dec. 7. We will look to capitalize on their fitness and strength at the end of the cross-country season to chase some personal records and produce some solid times to start off the official indoor track season.” McKenna is looking forward

to not only the national meet for cross-country, but also how the team prepares for the indoor track and field season. “During track and field, I am looking forward to continuing to see our student-athletes grow as competitors,” he said. “We had a number of young runners who made large improvements this cross-country season, so it will be exciting to see how that manifests itself on the track. Specifically, we are hoping to have multiple NCAA qualifiers for the men and the women during both indoor and outdoor.”