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Wisconsin weed laws are half-baked

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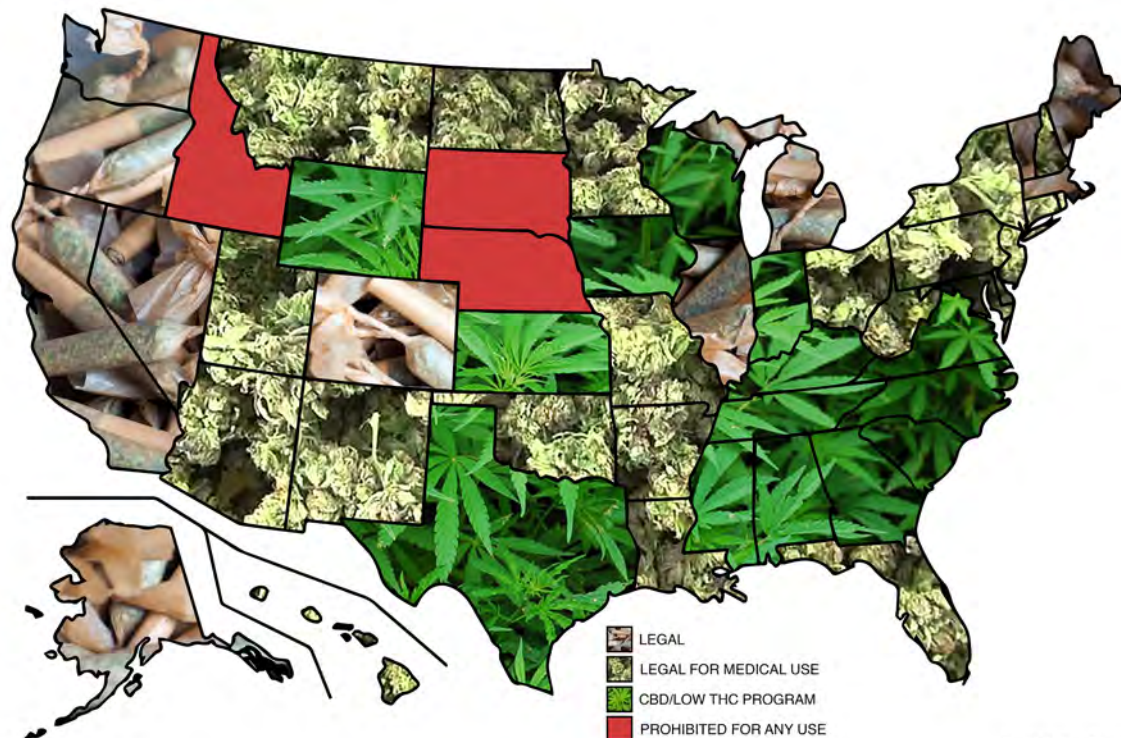
On Jan. 1, 2020, Illinois will officially legalize recreational marijuana and Wisconsin will be surrounded by weed.

Illinois will join 10 other states that have legalized recreational marijuana and 33 states that have legalized medical marijuana. Bordering state Minnesota allows medical use while Michigan allows recreational use. Canada has also legalized recreational pot.

Wisconsin residents can now drive just a short distance to purchase legal weed that becomes illegal the moment they cross the border back into Wisconsin.

Marijuana is still federally regulated. Transporting weed across state lines, even from a state where it was legally purchased, is a federal offense.

In Wisconsin, charges for a first-offense possession of marijuana can carry up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. Repeat offenders can be charged with a felony and face up to 3.5 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.



Graphic by Leo Costello

At UW Oshkosh, University Police responded to 139 calls related to marijuana in 2018 and made 71 drug arrests on campus.

Last November, 16 Wisconsin counties had marijuana advisory

referendums on their ballots that were supported by a solid majority of voters. According to a Marquette Law School Poll, 58% of Wisconsin residents believe marijuana should be legalized and reg-

ulated similarly to alcohol.

The path to legalization

In Wisconsin, legalization progress comes slowly. Certain Wisconsin jurisdictions have declined

to prosecute marijuana possession in small amounts, and it may be treated as an ordinance violation with a ticket.

In 2018, members of the Oshkosh Common Council wanted to reduce the fine for possession of marijuana from \$325 to \$25 but were only successful in getting it reduced to \$200 plus court costs.

Oshkosh City Council member Jake Krause, who supported the fine reduction, said the fine amount would have depended on the weight of the marijuana, which could vary if it were mixed in with food or other substances.

"The city police officers basically said it would be too difficult to weigh it, and they wanted a one-fine-fits-all type thing," Krause said. "We settled at a \$200 fine, which was a compromise."

Oshkosh Mayor Lori Palmeri was a member of the city council in 2018 and supported the proposal.

"I did support a reduction from the \$325 [fine] because I felt that for people who were lower income, that it was kind of a burden

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Regents move forward on free speech bill

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The UW System Board of Regents voted last Friday to advance a plan that would make it mandatory to punish students on UW System campuses for disrupting someone's free speech.

Under the policy, a student who disrupts "the free expression of others" twice will be suspended for a minimum of one semester, and a student who does so a third time will be expelled, according to an agenda item from the Regents' Oct. 11 meeting.

Currently, individual chancellors are responsible for punishing students if they disrupt campus speech events, according to the UW System Commitment to Academic Freedom and Freedom of

Expression policy.

The Regents will hold a public hearing on the policy before putting it up for a final vote. After the vote, the policy will be decided by Gov. Tony Evers.

Evers' spokeswoman Melissa Baldauff told the Associated Press that the governor will kill the proposal if it reaches his desk.

The Regents approved the Commitment to Academic Freedom and Freedom of Expression in 2017, which is the basis for the current plan.

The Commitment to Academic Freedom and Freedom of Expression mirrors a Republican bill introduced in 2017 as a response to students protesting conservative speakers.

The bill died in the Wisconsin Senate, and Evers, then superin-

tendent for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, was the only Regent to vote against the policy in 2017.

Regent Edmund Manydeeds, an Eau Claire attorney whom Evers appointed last year but who has yet to be confirmed by the Senate, said over the phone that the policy is not the way he wants the Regents to go.

People with opposing views both have a right to free speech, Manydeeds said, adding that he doesn't know how the policy would be enforced and what exactly would be determined as disruptive speech.

"Someone that's 18 or 19 years old that believes in something, I don't know if they should have

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Titan football dominated UW-Stevens Point 20-7 on Oct 12.

Titans 2-0 in conference

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The UW Oshkosh Football team dominated UW-Stevens Point in a 20-7 victory last Saturday, keeping the Titans undefeated in conference play this season.

The Titans, 2-0 in conference, and 4-1 overall, remain tied with UW-Whitewater for first place in

the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

The Titans have the top-ranked defense in the WIAC, and their defensive talent was on full display against UW-Stevens Point.

Junior Nick Noethe had a career-high 11 tackles, earning him WIAC team of the week honors, and junior Logan Heise returned

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News

UWO files motion to dismiss

Defendants say student’s 14th amendment claim is invalid

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An ongoing legal dispute between a John Doe and UW Oshkosh may be nearing its end as the university’s lawyer Anne Bensky and state Attorney General Josh Kaul filed a motion to dismiss the case on Oct. 4.

Doe filed a lawsuit against UWO on Sept. 11 that argued the university’s Title IX investigation into a possible sexual assault violated his 14th Amendment rights to due process and equal protection under the law.

The case stems from a March 16, 2019 off-campus Zeta Tau Alpha party, where Doe alleges a sorority member invited him to the party and afterward they had sex.

The woman’s version of events is considered confidential, but on May 13, she reported the encounter as nonconsensual to Associate Dean of Students Joann “Buzz”

Bares.

The brief explaining the motion to dismiss closely resembles the university’s Sept. 25 response, which argued Doe’s due process claim is invalid and that UWO’s nonacademic misconduct procedure is constitutional.

The university argues Doe did not claim a property interest in his initial suit, but Doe alleges his property interest is continuing his education as he signed acceptance agreements that gives him the right to continue at UWO.

The university argues he must establish that the contract entitled him to specific rights and that the university denied him these rights.

The brief argues Wisconsin Administrative Code provides constitutional due process because the procedure allows Doe to access the university’s evidence and enables his lawyer to present new

evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

Court documents add that Doe can also appeal the process if the hearing committee suspends or expels him from UWO.

“There is simply no case law holding that procedures such as those provided by the University are constitutionally inadequate,” the brief said.

The brief stated that Doe was treated no differently than any other student subject to a Title IX investigation.

Doe’s allegation that equal protection was violated requires him to show that he was treated differently because he was part of a specific group, but court papers argue that he didn’t sufficiently show that he was treated differently.

“Even if [Doe] had alleged some sort of wrongful treatment, he did not allege it was discriminatory; there was no reference to the Defendants treating others subject to the nonacademic misconduct process better,” court papers said.

The brief said Title IX Coor-

dinator Shawna Kuether, Hearing Examiner Abigail Sylvia and Chancellor Andrew Leavitt, who were all sued along with the university on Sept. 11, are entitled to immunity with respect to due process and equal protection claims.

Kuether should be given immunity, court papers argue, because she was following a federal law requiring universities to investigate sexual assault allegations.

Documents argue that Sylvia should be immune because there is no law indicating she has failed to comply with the Constitution.

Leavitt should also be immune, court papers argue, because he wasn’t alleged to have any personal involvement with the investigation.

The brief concluded that there is no law supporting the theory that when a university investigates allegations of campus sexual assault, the investigators are violating someone’s constitutional rights.

A judge did not dismiss Doe’s case prior to publication.

N-Fit wins Elevator Pitch Competition

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The Collegiate Entrepreneurs’ Organization and the Alta Resources Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation hosted the Elevator Pitch Contest on Oct. 8, where students pitched business ideas in 90 seconds or less for the chance to win a trip to Tampa, Florida.

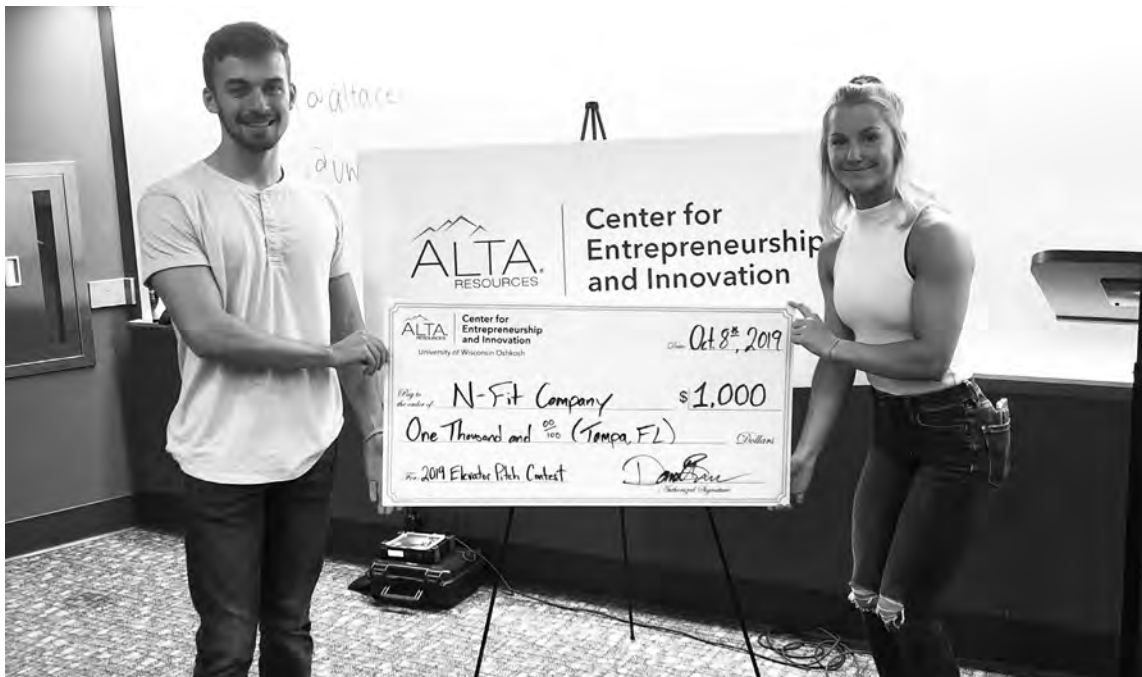
UWO students Hannah Beyer and Evan Meyers, who workshopped their idea for several months, won the contest with their N-Fit Company, which is a website with the option to download an app which can be used to scan tags on gym equipment.

“It will show a video on how to do the lift, a description on the lift and why it’s beneficial and numbered related lifts from which you can pick from in correlation to the numbered gym equipment, directing the individual where to go next,” Beyer said.

Alta Resources Center Director Dan Brosman said students have just 90 seconds to convince the judges and the audience that their business idea can work.

“Student contestants this year are represented across all disciplines, including one student from the Fox Cities campus,” Brosman said. “The contest is meant to be low-barrier and give students the opportunity to experience what entrepreneurship is all about. This contest is set up to prepare students for our annual keynote event in November, the Culver’s Business Model Competition.”

The business model competition seeks early-stage ventures demonstrating an ability to adapt to customers’ needs. Each contestant has four minutes to present their business model, followed by two minutes of Q&A with the judges. The top three teams receive seed money, in-kind ser-



Courtesy of Alta Resources CEI
Contest winners Evan Meyers and Hannah Beyer receive an all expense-paid trip to Tampa, Florida.

vices and a place in the Titan Accelerator Program.

UWO freshman and criminal justice major Kennedy Foss came up with the business idea for Retractable, which are shoes that have spikes or cleats on the bottom. By pressing a button on the back, the cleats retract, allowing for easier movement and injury prevention.

Foss said she recommends that people who are interested in starting their own company stick with it.

“Once you have your idea, run with it and make it happen,” Foss said. “I’m a big believer in the law of attraction: if you tell yourself you can, then you’ll be able to. So believe in your idea and believe in the possibilities.”

Brosman said the contest is a great way for students to be exposed to entrepreneurship and the opportunities available. He said the Elevator Pitch Contest was exciting and educational for all those involved.

“We like to start each year with the Elevator Pitch Contest as it gets students excited about what’s to come from the CEI [Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation] in the year ahead,” Brosman said. “Students should be encouraged to keep pushing forward on their ideas.”

UWO junior and political science major Ian McDonald, who participated in the contest with his partner, UWO senior and political science major Jacob Rand, showcasing their videography company called Elevated Productions, said that those seeking to start a business should do what they love.

“Don’t fall into something you like, but just put up with it because it could make you some money,” McDonald said. “You have to start from the bottom and work your way up. You can’t expect to win the lottery on your first try, you have to be willing to be the first one to show up to work and the last to leave.”

Brosman said there are new prizes this year and the winning student will receive a paid trip to Tampa to pitch their business in the Global Pitch Competition at the CEO conference Oct. 31-Nov. 2 and have a chance at winning \$5,000.

“In years past, we had awarded \$1,000 to the overall winner,” Brosman said. “But this year we had the opportunity to have our contest accepted as a qualifier event for the Collegiate Entrepreneurs’ Organizations Global Pitch Competition at the end of this month.”

Beyer said that those wanting to start their own business should start now.

“Starting young is the best thing you can do,” Beyer said. “Make sure you’re passionate about this. Otherwise, what’s the point? Oshkosh has so many opportunities and resources that can turn your idea into something real.”

Dreamer training held at UWO

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Last week the UW Oshkosh Student Organization of Latinos hosted a certificate training to introduce attendees to the unique issues immigrant students face in higher education and discuss ways UWO can support its documented or “DACAmented” and undocumented students.

Undocumented refers to those born outside of the United States who reside in the U.S. without legal permission of the federal government while DACAmented students refer to recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, which protects eligible undocumented people from deportation and grants them work authorization for two years. Those protected under DACA are often referred to as “Dreamers.”

The Dreamer certificate training was led by Marla Delgado-Guerrero, a counseling psychologist and diversity coordinator at Marquette University, who has over 14 years of experience serving underrepresented college student populations and helped to establish and lead Marquette’s Undocumented Students Task Force.

“For those who work in higher education institutions like UW Oshkosh as faculty, staff and administrators, it is our responsibility to support and educate any student on our campus, and this includes our Dreamers,” Guerrero said. “So really, it’s our responsibility to get informed about how we can better support this population.”

Wisconsin is home to over 7,000 active DACA recipients as of August 2018, according to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

“Whether you realize it or not, you most likely have a friend that may have DACA or that may be undocumented,” Guerrero said.

Attendees of the Dreamer certificate training were educated on the challenges that Dreamer students must overcome at universities.

Guerrero presented information



Courtesy of NEA / One Dream

The placard shown was given to Dreamer certificate training participants.

on how Dreamer students have difficulties financing their education as they cannot apply for financial aid and have to pay out-of-state tuition.

The training also disclosed information on how Dreamer students may face psychological challenges on university campuses.

Guerrero informed attendees on

how anti-immigrant rhetoric and fear of status disclosure can lead to pervasive stress and feelings of isolation among immigrant student populations.

“I think it’s very important for us to really just humanize this experience because, at the end of the day, these are humans, they are fellow brothers and sisters of our campus,” Guerrero said.

The training was marked with suggestions on how UWO students, faculty, staff and administrators can make campus welcoming for Dreamers and offer resources that should be made easily accessible to UWO’s immigrant population.

“Students need access to what their resources are and the people they can trust,” Guerrero said.

Guerrero recommends that UWO and all other campuses provide a centralized place for Dreamer students to find information on financial assistance, admissions counseling, legal resources, mental health resources and on-campus safe spaces.

Attendees were discouraged from using demeaning language such as “illegal” or “aliens” and instead were encouraged to remain knowledgeable on the issues Dreamers face to make them feel more included on campus.

“Knowing that you all as an institution are recognizing the growing need for serving underrepresented populations is really exciting,” Guerrero said.

Esmeralda Delgado, a UWO admissions counselor and adviser for the Student Organization of Latinos, said the purpose of the Dreamer certification training is to raise awareness.

“We know we’re not going to be experts after one training, but at least we can gain some type of understanding,” she said.

Delgado said she recognizes that UWO does not have every kind of resource in place to support Dreamer students but credits the university for the support it has given its Dreamer students and the resources they provide for them.

As an admissions counselor, Delgado provides inquiring Dreamer students with information on scholarships to help ease their financial burden as well as tuition remission so that students may pay in-state tuition.

Delgado said she was surprised by the turnout for the training and the amount of interest attendees had in supporting Dreamers at UWO.

“I guess we’ll see what happens from this,” Delgado said. “As more people are aware of this, then students who fall under these brackets of undocumented/DACA can understand that the university is trying to move forward and that we want to provide those resources for them.”

Staff, students discuss legalization of marijuana

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Several UW Oshkosh students and a professor said they believe marijuana should be legalized in Wisconsin.

UWO junior Jordan Evenson said he believes marijuana should be legalized and regulated similarly to alcohol.

“I think legalizing is a good idea as long as age is involved and I think it should be set at 21, the same as alcohol,” Evenson said. “You see all these other states that are converting over and it’s helping with profit and keeping people out of jail. You know, marijuana isn’t doing any harm to people.”

UWO freshman Ryan Pawlak said he thinks marijuana should be legalized as long as it is used safely.

“It would be beneficial for medical reasons, like people dealing with physical pain or de-

pression,” he said. “But it could be dangerous with misuse while driving.”

UWO senior Amanda Reyes said she thinks marijuana legalization is inevitable.

“It is legal in Madison, so it’s bound to happen statewide eventually,” Reyes said. Dane County, where Madison is located, has decriminalized small amounts of marijuana.

UWO Associate Professor of Political Science Jerry Thomas said medical marijuana should be legal in Wisconsin since it is legal in surrounding states, which means drugs are flowing into Wisconsin across state lines.

“If Wisconsin legalizes it, it can reduce the instances of illegal drug trafficking across state lines,” Thomas said. “Also, Wisconsin can tax the sales if legal, which means that the state can keep the revenue that is currently going to other states.”

Thomas said legalization in

Wisconsin could bring other benefits.

“The main benefit is that it allows the state to regulate the drug, which will give users better knowledge of the contents of the drugs they consume,” Thomas said. “Otherwise, Wisconsinites are left to getting street drugs that may have impurities or other health risks such as the recent health issues connected with vaping.”

Thomas thinks some people don’t approve of legalizing marijuana because it has been regarded as a moral issue among opponents of legalization.

“Wisconsin is one of the few remaining states where marijuana use remains fully illegal, including for medical purposes,” Thomas said. “I would have thought Wisconsin would have been on the leading edge of legalization.”

UWO sophomore Amber Vanlandghen said she thinks people against legalization are afraid of

change.

“Just because it’s been illegal, like forever, people are just going to be really against it in the beginning but I feel like they’ll get used to it,” Vanlandghen said.

UWO senior Gage Kamp said legalizing marijuana would give people with health problems another option for treatment.

“Personally, my grandfather has some health concerns and it could be something that would maybe help him because they are starting to run out of options for him,” Kamp said.

Vanlandghen said she has seen the benefits of marijuana firsthand when an acquaintance used it to cope with pain.

“It’s a depressant, so it’s going to help you take away your pain and I think that’s really important, especially for people who have chronic conditions,” Vanlandghen said.

Reyes said marijuana would be a safer option than other medica-

tions.

“There is kind of an opioid problem in some parts of Wisconsin, especially in the more rural areas and I think they get addicted to painkillers really fast,” Reyes said. “Also, we have a lot of veterans who get addicted to painkillers as well and I think marijuana is a better alternative than just taking pharmaceutical drugs for mental or physical problems.”

UWO senior Jessica Bock said it’s time for Wisconsin to legalize marijuana.

“It’s been proven that there are so many benefits and not many side effects from what they know so far,” Bock said. “For recreational use, it might help people who are stuck on harder drugs, since weed isn’t something you can overdose on, but getting people over to that would be way better than alcohol or other drugs that are legal right now.”

Campus safety walk



Olivia Rinehart / Advance-Titan

UW Oshkosh held the chancellor and chief campus safety walk Monday, Oct. 14 to tour campus looking for safety and security concerns. Students gathered outside the University Police Department at 738 High Ave. just before 5:30 p.m. They finished the walk through campus between 6:30-7:30 p.m. The walk was led by UWO chancellor and chief of police, along with representatives from facilities management, parking services and the risk and safety office. The safety walk was an active way for students to share their concerns and ideas with UWO experts and leadership.

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of a fine,” Palmeri said. “As far as my beliefs on legalization of cannabis, I’m supportive of the medical and I’m neutral on the recreational at this point.”

In February, Gov. Tony Evers proposed a plan to decriminalize the possession of small amounts of marijuana and legalize medical marijuana. His plan also allowed expungement for possession charges.

Winnebago County District Attorney Christian Gossett cited the Portugal Model as a study on decriminalization.

“They decriminalized personal-use drugs, which is a 10-day supply or less of a drug absent any evidence of dealing,” he said. “What they did was they started all these treatment facilities and services.”

From decriminalization in 1999 to 2015, Portugal saw an 80% decrease in overdose fatalities.

However, Evers’ plan for decriminalization of marijuana was “dead on arrival at the legislature” according to Wisconsin State Sen. Patrick Testin.

Testin, a Republican from Stevens Point, joined Democratic Sen. Jon Erpenbach and Wisconsin State Assembly Rep. Chris Taylor last month to introduce a bipartisan bill to legalize medical cannabis in Wisconsin.

Medical cannabis bill

Under the bill, qualifying patients who receive a recommendation from their doctor would be able to purchase and grow marijuana. Conditions that would qualify a patient for medical cannabis include cancer, HIV, hepatitis C, chronic pain, PTSD and others.

Testin said he became a believer in compassionate care through the use of cannabis when his grandfather was dying of lung and bone cancer, which caused him to lose his appetite, weight and much of his strength.

“It was essentially a terminal diagnosis and for him and he had to make a very tough decision to go outside the law and essentially break the law to get marijuana,” he said. “It was the only thing that gave him his appetite and helped him keep his food down.”

Testin said seeing his grandfa-

ther benefit from medical marijuana was an eye-opening experience.

“I firmly believe it gave him more time that he otherwise wouldn’t have had,” he said. He added marijuana has fewer side effects and long-term risks than opioids.

“I’ve heard from so many who have talked about their issues with opioid abuse and oftentimes, when they use opioids it leads to more dangerous drugs such as heroin or fentanyl,” he said. “They’ve been able to wean themselves off of these drugs by self-medicating with cannabis and so I firmly believe there is opportunity and potential to incorporate medical cannabis as a safer alternative.”

The proposed bill to legalize medical cannabis contains regulations including a registry system for patients and a licensing system for growers, producers and sellers. The bill also contains a home-grown provision that would allow patients to grow a certain number of plants under a dry weight limit of three ounces.

“We want the ability for people, in a regulated environment, to

grow their own medicine and do it safely at home,” Testin said. The next step for the proposed medical cannabis legislation is for it to be referred to a standing committee and then for a public hearing to be held.

Gossett said he isn’t sure legalizing medical marijuana is the right move. He said people may attempt to obtain medical marijuana for recreational use fraudulently and it could also cause issues of classism.

“The people who have insurance can go see the doctor when they want to, can get their medical marijuana, and the people who can’t, the inner-city, the impoverished populations, end up illegally possessing marijuana,” he said. “So I don’t know that I’m a big fan of medical marijuana.”

Incentives of legalization

States that have approved recreational marijuana use have experienced financial incentives. In Colorado, legal marijuana sales in 2018 brought in about \$270 million in taxes. In comparison, the state brought in \$45 million in taxes on alcohol that same year. The

state has brought in more than \$1 billion in total revenue from 2014 to August 2019 from marijuana sales.

The city of Aurora, Colorado, has used the revenue earned from legal pot to help the homeless, fund road and transportation projects and to finance recreation centers in growing areas of the city.

Decriminalization of cannabis would save Wisconsin \$30 million in decreased criminal justice costs, according to the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s La Follette School of Public Affairs.

“If you take a look at our neighbors, whether it’s Michigan, Minnesota or Illinois, they’ve all incorporated medical cannabis programs and I think we should follow suit,” Testin said.

Gossett said to consider the amount of harm that could be done by legalizing marijuana.

“What is the risk of harm? We’re understandably upset about the 73,000 overdose deaths last year. We should also be upset about the 88,000 alcohol-related deaths per year,” he said. “And how many people are dying from marijuana?”

In a press release, One Wisconsin Now executive director Analiese Eicher said the proposed policy is unnecessary because of a lack of incidents involving disruptions of speech on UW campuses.

“The Board of Regents seems to be more interested in pandering to right-wing politicians than protecting free speech,” Eicher said. “Their proposal would put into state administrative rules a punitive crackdown on students speaking out while protecting hate speech on campuses.”

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that on their record as something they were disciplined for,” he said. “To enact the policy, I think it’s pretty broad, but who’s to determine what someone says is disorderly conduct or infringing on the freedom of expression of others.”

Manydeeds hopes to see more discussion on the policy and wants students and faculty to weigh in before the policy comes up for a final vote.

Before last Friday’s vote, the

board received 38 written comments from the public on the proposed policy.

One of the commenters was Foundation for Individual Rights in Education Legislative and policy director Joseph Cohn, who said the policy’s language is too broad and should be revised to make it clear that it only applies to disruptions of events taking place in reserved locations.

“Individuals in unreserved locations have not necessarily had their rights violated when their voice is

drowned out by critics engaged in their own form of peaceful counterspeech,” Cohn wrote.

Another commenter, American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin Advocacy Director Molly Collins said the policy would threaten students’ First Amendment rights by suppressing constitutionally accepted speech.

“Giving controversial figures the right to speak does not mean denying students the right to protest them,” Collins wrote. “Rather than restricting free speech, the Univer-

sity of Wisconsin should foster an environment where all voices are heard and competing viewpoints can be aired without fear of punishment or expulsion.”

Commenter Nancy Suitor, a Freeland, Michigan native, appeared to be in support of the policy.

“Conservatives and Christians thank you for protecting those who come to speak and their actual physical lives,” Suitor wrote. “Universities are places where all points should have a voice.”

Student sets sight on state senate

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Soon-to-be UW Oshkosh graduate Aaron Wojciechowski is running for Wisconsin’s 18th State Senate seat as a Democrat against incumbent Republican Dan Feyen.

A 22-year-old Delavan, Wisconsin native, Wojciechowski said his campaign will center on issues concerning affordable health care, teachers, minorities, marijuana legislation, sustainable infrastructure, young people and the positive direction of Wisconsin. He announced his candidacy Oct. 10 on the steps of the Winnebago County Courthouse.

He will graduate this December with majors in economics and political science.

In 2016, he was elected District 16 supervisor on the Winnebago County Board where he has worked to improve information technology programs. He also worked on Winnebago County Executive Mark Harris’ “Harris for Wisconsin” Senate campaign.

He was the Northeast regional director at College Democrats of Wisconsin at UWO and the programs and policy analyst at Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

He wants to bring change to a “broken” system in Madison, adding that the current politicians are out of touch with their people.

Wojciechowski said current legislators changed principal policies as soon as Democrat Gov. Tony Evers was elected. He cited trade policy decisions that directly impacted Wisconsin farmers as proof.

At his announcement, he explained his experience with the health care system.

“Four years ago, I went to the emergency room,” he said. “I waited almost an hour for what ended up being a short conversation. In the end, it was suggested I just take some Aspirin. Imag-



Jack Tierney / Advance-Titan

Aaron Wojciechowski announces he will be running for senate at the Winnebago County Courthouse.

ine my shock when I received a \$2,000 hospital bill,” he said.

He is still paying for that bill, and student loans, housing and general living expenses that he said, like many people’s financial situation, current wages do not fund.

He said electing him means progressive leadership in Madison.

“This campaign isn’t simply about winning; it’s about the future of Wisconsin,” he said. “It’s about creating a state where families can live comfortably

the courthouse.

Palmeri said Wojciechowski is the best candidate for state senator he has seen in a long time, describing him as a leader on the Winnebago County Board and at UWO.

He said Wojciechowski is part of a growing trend in politics that involves young people shaking up the traditional political agenda, and that Wojciechowski is not afraid to have difficult conversations and stand up to power. Palmeri said he will do well for the economy and for teachers.

“We finally have a governor of the state who supports education,” Palmeri said. “But, as you know, he is not getting enough support from the State Senate. We need Aaron Wojciechowski down there to fight for public education.”

Feyen, 51, was elected to State Senate of the 18th district in 2016. He took a leadership

position as the assistant majority leader in 2019.

His most recent authored proposal was Senate Bill 481, which related to establishing a career advancement scholarship program and donating a sum of money to it.

“This is my message to all,” Wojciechowski said. “Regardless of political affiliation or ideology, we won’t agree on every issue, but I promise to always be present and have those conversations. I will not hide from those who disagree with me. I will do my homework and show why I vote the way I do.”

Elections for the office of Wisconsin State Senate will take place in 2020. The general election will be held on Nov. 3, and a primary is scheduled for Aug. 11.

Wisconsin state senators represent an average of 172,333 residents. After the 2000 Census, each member represented 162,536 residents.

Members of the Wisconsin State Senate serve four-year terms and are not subject to term limits. Half of the senate is up for election every two years. Wisconsin legislators take office the first Monday in January following the election.

In 2016, Feyen defeated Harris in the Wisconsin State Senate District 18 general election 55.89% to 44.11% with 46,076 total votes.

“I’m running for this office because for the last nine years, under the leadership of politicians like my opponent Dan Feyen, politics in Wisconsin has been divisive, hyper-partisan, petty and most importantly has obstructed the will of the people,” Wojciechowski said. “My top priorities include expanding Medicaid and ensuring that every Wisconsinite has access to quality and affordable health care.”

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— Winnebago Co. Board Supervisor Aaron Wojciechowski

He said his competitor Feyen voted “no” on Medicare expansion despite 70% support. He said changing health care policy starts with electing the right people.

“Fixing our broken health care system means working to lower the price of prescription drugs and keeping big pharmaceutical companies accountable.”

and where kids can grow up and thrive. I’m running to restore power back to the people and make real progress on the issues we care about.”

Tony Palmeri, UWO Communication Studies Professor and husband of Oshkosh City Mayor Lori Palmeri, introduced Wojciechowski to the crowd outside

Teachers wanted: COEHS sees declining enrollment

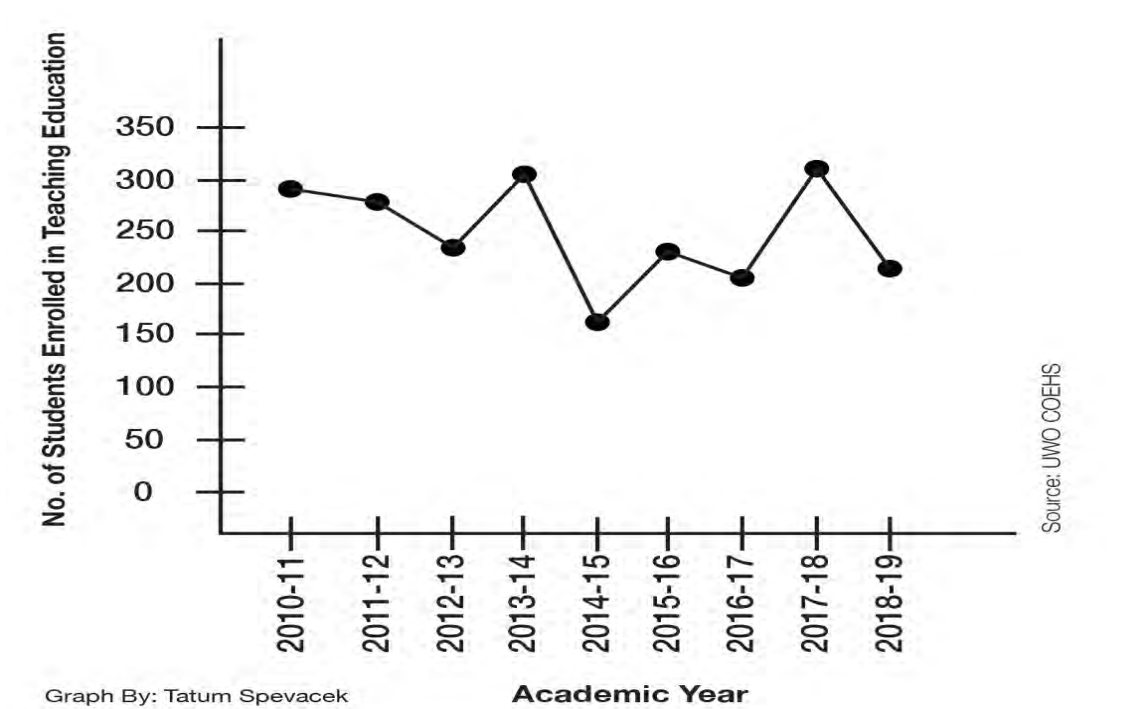
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Following national trends, UW Oshkosh is seeing an enrollment decline in its education department, contributing to a shortage of well-trained teachers for Wisconsin’s public schools, especially in math, science and language arts.

In the 2014-15 school year, enrollment in the UWO College of Education and Human Services dropped to a 10-year low at 168 students. In the 2017-18 school year, enrollment had spiked to 310 students, but a year later the amount of COEHS students dropped to 216 students, a 30% decrease.

One of the reasons for this decline in enrollment is a decrease in college students who are pursuing an education major. There is an even larger shortage of well-trained special education majors.

Associate Dean of the College of Education and Human Services Eric Brunsel said negative media attention is one factor contributing to the decrease as teachers are often seen as not getting paid well and not getting good benefits.



Brunsell and other leaders in the education program have taken steps to address this decline in enrollment.

Brunsell said educators are trying harder to engage with the “future teachers” organizations at high schools and offer direct admission to high-achieving stu-

dents to the College of Education and Human Services.

They are also working with the Cooperative Academic Partnership Program, commonly known as CAPP, which allows students to take courses for college credit, and they are modifying the admissions process to improve enrollment.

According to the UWO website, the Teacher Education Program also incentivizes attending school at UWO by awarding \$80,000 in scholarships each year.

“The need for new teachers in public schools across the U.S. is projected to increase by 29% over the next five years,” the UWO

website said. “Dozens of school districts and hundreds of teachers and administrators partner with COEHS every year.”

Melissa Poetzel, a sophomore at UWO majoring in education to teach first through eighth grade with a minor in English said she decided to be a teacher because she “wanted to help people and make a difference” as well as “be someone who could help shape the minds of future generations.”

Although enrollment is still lower than its peak during 2017-18 school year, the COEHS and its students like Skyler Hardy are passionate about what they do.

A fourth-year student at UWO majoring in secondary education with a social science (elementary education) major and a psychology minor, Hardy said she always knew she wanted to major in education. When Hardy was a child she would play “school” with her friends and would always take on the role of teacher.

For Hardy, she went into education for the same reason many pursue a teaching degree; she wanted to make an impact on our youth.

UWO-FDL holds seed workshop

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Community members participated in a seed collection and storage workshop at the UWO-Fond du Lac Campus as part of their prairie restoration and community education project last Saturday.

Volunteers have planted 42 acres of local ecotype prairie, a distinct form of plant species occupying a particular habitat, at Gottfried Prairie and Arboretum on UWO-FDL grounds since its creation in 1991.

At the time UWO-FDL began restoring the Gottfried Prairie, only 10 acres of prairie were left in Fond du Lac County, which previously had over 100,000 acres.

The seed collection and storage workshop provided an opportunity for people to collect Wisconsin native prairie flower and grass seeds for their gardens.

Margie Winter, an adjunct biology professor who teaches a class on prairie ecosystems and restoration at Marian University and UWO-FDL, helped participants identify plant species.

“To collect the seeds, we gently pull them off of the grass stem or we snip off the plant heads,” Winter said. “This doesn’t hurt the plants, new growth comes from the roots and even fire



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LEFT: The wild bergamot is shown in its summer bloom. RIGHT: The wild bergamot in fall. Above: The Gottfried Prairie and Arboretum contains 42 acres of plants and wildlife.

doesn’t kill the plants.” Flower and grass seeds collected included rattlesnake master, England aster, yellow coneflower, prairie dock, big bluestem, New

tain mint and whorled milkweed. After the seeds are collected from the prairie, stems and chaff are separated from the seeds using wire-mesh screens.

Winter said the seeds may be spread outside in the fall after the first light snow if there is an area prepared for them. The seeds can also be spread in spring, but it requires some preparation.

“You must ‘stratify’ your seed by putting it through a cold period in your refrigerator — 33-38°F — for a couple months,” Winter said. “Some species only require cold dry stratification while others require cold, moist stratification.”

The seed workshop offered a great opportunity to learn about the prairie ecosystem and collect prairie flower and grass seeds for a garden.

Information on the Gottfried Prairie and Arboretum can be found by visiting gottfriedprairiearboretum.org.

On Oct. 19 the Gottfried Prairie and Arboretum will host a free Halloween prairie hike at 7 p.m.

According to the Gottfried Prairie and Arboretum website, the event will introduce “six friendly bird characters talking about their life in the woods and prairies of Wisconsin.”

UWO disputes No. 2 rank for alcohol consumption

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In 2016, the Oshkosh-Neenah area was ranked as the No. 2 drinking city in the United States, according to CBS. Oshkosh was a close runner-up to Appleton, which was ranked at No. 1.

The article said in the Oshkosh-Neenah area, 26% of adults reported that they drink in excess, and 44.6% of driving deaths involve alcohol.

USA Today said Green Bay ranked No. 1 in 2017, putting Oshkosh at No. 6. Wendy Seegers, staff counselor and AODA coordinator at the UW Oshkosh Counseling Center said these statistics aren’t very accurate.

“I wouldn’t put much stock in that,” Seegers said. “You have to be really careful when looking at rankings like that because you don’t know what their criteria were. I usually find most of those to be fairly ridiculous.”

Seegers said she doesn’t see much difference in the amount of alcohol consumed on the UWO campus.

“I wouldn’t say this campus has more of an issue than other campuses,” she said. “Some students engage in high-risk drinking, and we have a lot of students that don’t.”

The UWO Counseling Center is located on the second floor of the Student Success Center and provides a place of inspiration and guidance for the complete

wellness of all students, according to their website.

“The Counseling Center’s primary job is to support students and help them feel good and function well,” Seegers said.

Seegers said the Counseling Center sees many students who visit for help with anxiety and depression and offers programs that give students strategies to manage their stress.

“We do individual counseling of course, lots of group therapy, we do different types of workshops,” Seegers said.

Seegers said that excessive drinking can impact student’s academic success.

“If somebody’s getting drunk a couple times a week, it’s probably going to have some negative impacts in their life somewhere,” Seegers said.

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, an estimated 1,825 college students die from alcohol-related deaths each year. The NIAAA said that in 2015, 13.4% of people ages 12 to 20 years old reported binge-drinking in the past month. Over 37% of college students ages 18 to 22 years old have reported binge drinking in the past month.

UWO senior Haley Reeson said she has felt pressure to drink while at UWO.

“It’s definitely a social thing,” she said. “If you don’t drink, you’re lame, you don’t get asked to go out again. It kinda sucks

when you just want to stay in and watch a movie.”

By the time students get to college, Seegers said they have already learned to navigate saying ‘no’ to alcohol.

“Students have had to make decisions about their choice to use alcohol in middle school and high school,” she said.

The NIAAA estimates that in 2010, alcohol misuse cost the United States \$249 billion dollars. According to the NIAAA website, “Three-quarters of the total cost of alcohol misuse is related to binge drinking.”

Seegers said she believes alcohol-related issues during the annual UWO Pub Crawl appear to be improving.

“It is my understanding that there’s been a significant decrease in property damage and those types of things than there used to be,” she said. “My understanding is that they have very little of that during Pub Crawl now.”

University Police ticketed 25 people for underage drinking and four people were arrested for OWIs last weekend during the annual fall Pub Crawl.

Since Sept. 1, 2019, UP has responded to 81 underage possession violations, 12 OWIs, nine ID violations and one open intoxicant violation, according to the UP crime clery found on their webpage.

Homecoming Events

October 17-19

Thursday

House/Hall Decoration Judging

Where: Various Campus Locations

When: 5 p.m.

Flag Football

Where: Rec Plex

When: 8:30 p.m.

Friday

UW Oshkosh Alumni Awards Celebration

Where: Culver Family Welcome Center

When: 5 p.m.

Yell Like Hell/Lip Sync

Where: Reeve Union Ballroom 227

When: 7 p.m.

Women’s Volleyball vs. UW-Stout

Where: Kolf Sports Center

When: 7 p.m.

Saturday

Family Day/Alumni Continental Breakfast

Where: Reeve Marketplace, Reeve Union

When: 9:30 a.m.

Historic Non-Walking Tour of Campus

Where: Reeve Union 307

When: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Titan Tailgate Pregame Celebration

Where: Reeve Union, Second Floor

When: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Homecoming Football Game vs. UW-Eau Claire

Where: J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium

When: 1:30 p.m.

Fifth Quarter Post-game Celebration

Where: Fox River Brewing Co. Tap Room

Women’s Soccer vs. UW-Eau Claire

Where: J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium

When: 7 p.m.



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A host of UW Oshkosh defenders tackle UWSP running back ShamaJ Williams during the Titans’ 20-7 victory on Saturday. UWO will face UW-Eau Claire next game in the team’s homecoming game.

Football: Defensive Domination

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an interception 27 yards for a touchdown.

“Every week we try to play sound defense and fortunately we have a bunch of guys that do the right thing, and it really helps,” head coach Pat Cerroni said.

The defense’s ability to create turnovers has been essential to the Titan’s success all season, notching two against UWSP.

Heise credited the defense’s standout performance on Saturday to the teams work ethic in practice.

“We had a great week of practice and we just came out on Saturday and executed,” Heise said.

The great defensive effort from the Titans was paired with a solid outing from the offense and special teams.

The Titans continued to dominate with the ground game, using six different rushers to notch 134 total rushing yards against UWSP.

Freshman Kobe Berghammer led the Titans in passing, completing 11 of 22 pass attempts, throwing for 89 yards and a touchdown.

Special teams also played a major role in the Titans’ victory Saturday with sophomore Jaydon Haag kicking two field goals, earning WIAC team of the week honors, and freshman Connor Hanley blocking a punt giving UW Oshkosh the ball at the 10-yard line.

“Special teams made a really significant impact on Saturday,” senior long-snapper Mitchell Berg said. “A lot of the guys on special teams are younger, they may not have been as familiar with special teams coming out of high school,



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Senior Riley Kallas leaps as a UWSP player bears down on him.

but I think now they are getting more experience on special teams, and it’s really starting to show.”

The Titans hope to continue

the positive momentum into their homecoming game this Saturday against UW-Eau Claire.

Soccer squeaks past a pair of foes

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The UW Oshkosh women’s soccer team took down Concordia University Wisconsin Tuesday, 2-1 and defeated the UW-Stout Blue Devils last Saturday with a score of 1-0.

Against Concordia, UWO got goals from junior Delaney Karl in the 15th minute and junior Addie Schmitz in the 18th minute.

Karl’s goal was assisted by sophomore Amber Richter and gave the Titans a 1-0 lead. In the 18th minute, senior Maddie Morris passed ahead to Schmitz who fired home the shot to give UWO an early 2-0 lead.

CUW scored their lone goal in the 60th minute as Selena Esten scored on UWO goalkeeper, junior Erin Toomey.

The match was very physical as both teams were called for nine fouls on the night. UWO was out-

shot by CUW 19-18 but managed to pull out the win.

Toomey was spectacular in goal as she blocked eight of the Falcons’ nine shots-on-goal.

Against UW-Stout, freshman Rylie Kaufmann scored her first-ever goal for the Titans in the 68th minute with an assist from Morris.

Goalkeeper Claudia Anderson for Stout had 12 saves all game and the Titans had 20 total shots.

Last Saturday, junior forward Mallory Knight had three shots for Oshkosh, as did Morris, Karl and freshman Grace Herrmann.

“My team did a good job of keeping possession and creating opportunities in very difficult conditions. It was freezing cold and very blustery. We battled the elements extremely well,” head coach Erin Coppernoll said.

Coppernoll was proud of her team’s performance overall, despite the rough conditions.

“I was very happy we got a win—our first shutout—and had a freshman score her first collegiate goal in difficult weather,” Coppernoll said. “We didn’t play our best but it was nice to know we cannot play our best and still get those results.”

UWO women’s soccer team also played UW-Whitewater on Wednesday, Oct. 5, and fell short in a 2-0 loss.

Whitewater’s goals were from Anna Boyd in the 39th minute and Elliss Wahlberg in the 51st minute of the game.

Whitewater’s goalkeeper Sara Klimisch saved four shots from the Titans, leading their team to victory.

The Titan’s goalkeeper, senior Madelyn Runyan, had an exceptional game as well. She was able to stop five of the seven shots.

Despite the loss, the Titans had ten shots and three corner kick opportunities during the game.

UMHB forced to vacate 2016 title

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In 2016, the UW Oshkosh football team concluded its season with a 10-7 loss in the NCAA Division III Championship game to University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

That championship win for UMHB is being vacated by the NCAA because UMHB head coach Pete Fredenburg let a player use his car for more than 18 months, according to the Associated Press.

Despite the NCAA stripping UMHB of their national championship title, UWO will not be claiming the trophy. There will be an asterisk next to UMHB’s name in the NCAA record book for 2016.

The NCAA determined the student’s usage of Fredenburg’s 2006 Subaru an improper benefit for a student-athlete.

NCAA will vacate victories the athlete played in, including 29 wins over the 2016 and 2017 seasons and their 2016 championship win over UWO.

UMHB self-reported the violation to the NCAA after learning of a potential rules violation in 2018, according to a press release.

The school launched an in-depth investigation and submitted a report to the NCAA’s enforcement office in April 2018.

“I’ve spent my entire career as a football coach investing in kids. In this instance, I unintentionally broke NCAA rules. I regret this, and I accept responsibility,” Fredenburg said in the press release.

Volleyball goes 3-1

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The UW Oshkosh women’s volleyball team was defeated by UW-Stevens Point as the hosting Pointers won three sets to none last Wednesday.

Despite the Titans leading in both kills and digs, UWSP hit .302 and minimized their attack errors with seven to hold off UWO.

Senior Samantha Jaeke led the Titans with 11 kills and also had two blocks while senior Rachel Gardner had a team-high 13 digs.

Junior Rebecca Doughty’s efforts amounted to her eighth career double-double as she accumulated 15 assists to go with 11 digs.

The loss drops the Titans to third in the conference, with second belonging to UW-Stevens Point. UW-Whitewater leads the WIAC with an 18-3 record, including a 4-0 record in the conference.

The Titans continued play over the weekend as they hosted the Marty Petersen Invitational on Friday and Saturday.

UWO won their three contests throughout the tournament, defeating Luther College (Iowa) three sets to one on Friday before defeating both UW-Superior three sets to one and Finlandia University (Mich.) three sets to none on Saturday.

Junior Shelby Coron and freshman Kate Nottoli went on to be

After UMHB’s investigation, Fredenburg was suspended for three months without pay and sat out the first three games of the 2018 season.

UMHB President Randy O’Rear said in a press release that the university took the investigation seriously and fully cooperated with the NCAA.

“Mary Hardin-Baylor is committed to a culture of compliance, and the actions we took reflect that commitment,” O’Rear said. “The record shows we responded quickly, investigated vigorously, immediately self-reported the violations, and independently took decisive corrective steps.”

UMHB will appeal its vacations of its victories to the NCAA’s Infractions Appeal Committee.

“In light of all the circumstances surrounding this case and as a matter of principle for all the student-athletes who had no part in the infractions, we requested an expedited hearing on that one issue of disagreement,” O’Rear said.

UMHB’s football program will undergo a two-year probation period, during which UMHB will notify all football prospects that the school is on probation.

UMHB will also file a letter from the president at the end of the probation period affirming that its policies and procedures meet NCAA rules.

The terms of probation do not prohibit post-season play or impose any recruiting bans on UMHB.

named to the Marty Petersen Invitational All-Tournament Team.

Against Luther College, Coron matched her season-high kill total with 10, and freshman Rachel Aasby led the Titans with 11 kills while Gardner contributed with 21 digs to keep the Titans undefeated at home.

On Saturday against UW-S, freshman Carissa Sundholm led a balanced Titan offense with 15 kills, Jaeke had 10, Nottoli and sophomore Kendall Enyart each had nine, and Coron added eight more.

The Titans also contributed 12 total service aces against UW-S, their highest total of the season. Sophomore Becky Brezen led UWO with four service aces during the contest.

A winless Finlandia University team finished the day for the Titans, a contest that allowed sophomore Ellie Wanous and freshman Claire Bresser to earn their first starts of the season.

Wanous would go on to lead the Titans with a career-high 11 kills on only 12 twelve attempts as UWO would go on to overwhelm Finlandia University 44-13 in kills and .348 to .016 in hitting percentage.

UWO (17-6) traveled to Lakeland University (11-11) on Wednesday to take on the Muskies in an out-of-conference contest.

The result of the Titans’ away contest at Lakeland University can be found online at uwosh-koshtitans.com.



The 2019 Titan athletics Hall of Fame inductees stand on the field at Titan Stadium with Athletic Director Darryl Sims and Chancellor Andrew Leavitt on Saturday.

Hall of Fame adds 8

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On Sunday, eight former UW Oshkosh athletes were inducted into the Titan Hall of Fame at a ceremony at the Culver Family Welcome Center.

The eight 2019 inductees are Mark Ziebell (men’s basketball 1987-90), Andy Moriarty (football 2003-07), Renee McGrath (gymnastics 1989-91), Ronessa Lund (softball 2005-08), Jeremy Jirschele (baseball 2002-05), Robyn Jarocki-Hughes (women’s track and field 2003-06), Craig Glysch (baseball 1996-99) and Franklin Cumberbatch (men’s track and field 1980-83).

Mark Ziebell

Ziebell, an Oshkosh North graduate, currently sits at fourth on the all-time scoring list at UWO with 1,797 points. Ziebell ranks 10th in UWO history with 654 rebounds.

During the 1989 season, Ziebell posted averages of 21.1 points and 7.2 rebounds per game to earn his first, first-team All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors. The following year, Ziebell averaged 16.6 points, 6.5 rebounds and 2.5 assists to earn his second-straight first-team award.

During his time with the Titans, the team made the NAIA District 14 Tournament in 1987, 1989 and 1990 and was selected to the UWO All-Century Team.

Andy Moriarty

Moriarty played running back for the Titans from 2003-07 and is the all-time Oshkosh leader in rushing (4,496 yards). He was also selected to the WIAC All-Centennial Football Team in 2012.

During the 2005 season, Moriarty ran for a school-record 316 yards in an overtime victory against UW-Eau Claire.

Two years later, he rushed for 1,690 yards and 16 touchdowns, both school records, en route to earning All-America Second Team and All-West Region First Team honors from d3football.com.

The top four rushing games in UW Oshkosh history are all held by Moriarty and he sits in second for the school in both career points and career rushing touchdowns.

Renee McGrath

McGrath’s hall of fame induction comes after a career that distinguished her as one of the best gymnastics athletes to come

through UWO.

During her time at UWO, McGrath recorded a national championship, eight All-America awards and two conference titles.

McGrath only spent two years in Oshkosh; she transferred from Northern Michigan University to Central Michigan University and then to UWO in 1990. With McGrath’s help, the team placed second at the NCGA Championship meet for two straight years.

Ronessa Lund

Lund’s career stats as a Titan are highlighted by 1,019 strikeouts, 74 complete games, 30 shutouts and a 1.00 earned run average in 691.2 innings pitched. Lund also stacked on four WIAC Pitcher of the Year, one All-America and four All-Great Lakes Region awards.

During the 2006 season, Lund struck out a WIAC record 22 batters in a playoff win over Coe College (Iowa). The following season, Lund went 19-8 as a starter and led the team to a WIAC championship.

Lund set a WIAC record in 2006 by striking out 294 batters and still sits at first in the WIAC career rankings for strikeouts. She is also second in innings pitched, victories and shutouts and third in ERA.

Jeremy Jirschele

Jirschele capped his outstanding UWO baseball career with a selection to the WIAC All-Centennial Team in 2012. He also earned two All-America awards during his tenure as a Titan.

The second baseman currently ranks second in the WIAC record books in doubles, third in hits and 11th in runs scored.

Jirschele earned an All-Midwest Region Second Team accolade in 2003 and was named to the All-America First Team and the WIAC Position Player of the Year in 2004.

His career stats include a .383 batting average with 253 hits, 177 runs scored, 161 runs batted in, 53 doubles and 15 home runs.

Robyn Jarocki-Hughes

Another member of the WIAC All-Centennial Team in 2012, Jarocki-Hughes collected 10 national titles and 17 All-America awards as a Titan from 2003-06.

Jarocki-Hughes won three national indoor titles in the 20-pound weight throw in 2004, 2005 and 2006 and two national indoor titles in the shot put in 2005 and 2006.

She also earned two outdoor titles in the discus and shot put during the 2005 and 2006 seasons.

During those seasons, the Titans gathered indoor track titles in 2004, 2005 and 2006. They also won outdoor championships in 2004 and 2006.

The Merrill High School graduate earned the D-III Indoor Field Athlete of the Year three times (2004, 2005, 2006) and the D-III Outdoor Field Athlete of the Year once (2006).

Craig Glysch

The starting pitcher recorded a 24-8 record as a Titan and helped the baseball team to four WIAC championships and two NCAA D-III World Series appearances from 1996-99.

He earned an All-America First Team selection in 1998 with an 8-1 record and 2.35 ERA in 76.2 innings pitched. He also was selected to the All-America Third Team and was named the WIAC Pitcher of the Year after registering a 7-1 record and a 0.76 ERA in 71 innings pitched during the 1999 season.

His 0.76 ERA that season remains the fifth lowest in WIAC history and he also ranks fifth with 22 complete games and ninth with 261 innings pitched in the WIAC record books.

Franklin Cumberbatch

Cumberbatch won seven WIAC titles, including four individual titles and school-record times of 48.11 seconds in the indoor 440-yard run and 47.55 seconds in the outdoor 400-meter run.

During the 1983 season, Cumberbatch took first in the 300-yard dash, 44-yard run, 880-yard relay and mile relay at the WIAC Indoor Championships. He also recorded wins in the 200-meter dash, 400-meter run and 400-meter relay at the WIAC Outdoor Championship.

The Trinidad and Tobago native qualified for the 1981 NAIA Indoor Championship in the 440-yard dash, and the 1981 and 1983 NCAA D-III Outdoor Championships in the 400-meter run and the 1982 NCAA D-III Outdoor Championship in the 400- and 1,600-meter relays.

The inductees were honored at halftime of UWO’s football game against UW-Stevens Point on Saturday.

The eight inductees join 203 other athletes in the Titan Hall of Fame.

Tennis heads into conference with wins

By Cory Sparks
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The UW Oshkosh women’s tennis team won two out of its three matches last week, defeating the Milwaukee School of Engineering with a score of 8-1, losing to UW-Eau Claire 8-1, and then sweeping UW-Stout to close the weekend with a 9-0 win.

On Wednesday, Oct. 9, Oshkosh played exceptionally well against MSOE on their home turf, according to junior Kelley Hodyl, who took home victories in singles and doubles.

Hodyl said the confidence built with the previous victories in the past week has really gone a long way in terms of keeping this Titan team high-spirited.

“Against MSOE, I think the team as a whole had good momentum from all our recent wins and that kept the ball rolling into

“I think the team as a whole had good momentum from all our recent wins.”

—Kelley Hodyl, junior

that match,” Hodyl said.

Other notable performances from the matchup include singles player Alyssa Leffler who won 6-0, 6-0 in straight sets and singles player Samantha Koppa who won 6-1, 6-1.

Oshkosh would then go on to face a rude awakening at the Neenah Fitness & Racquet Center when UW-Eau Claire dealt them their second-largest loss by margin of the season (the first being a 9-0 shutout against UW-La Crosse) with an 8-1 victory.

This snapped Oshkosh’s four-game winning streak, as the Titans were unable to get over an early deficit.

“The 8-1 loss against Eau Claire really taught us that we need to have good mindsets go-

ing into our matches,” Hodyl said. “A lot of us went into our matches with a negative mindset because of how matches have gone in the past. I think it’s key for our team to start each and every match with the idea that we have just as much of a shot at winning as anybody.”

The team took this message to heart when they delivered a 9-0 shutout to UW-Stout on Oct. 13. The blowout was a crucial rebound for UWO as it improved their record to 7-2 overall on the season with a 3-3 conference record.

Notable performances from this throttle include singles player Lesley Kutnink (6-1,6-0) and doubles partners Leffler and Michelle Spicer (8-2).

The win put the Titans back on track and has kept morale high going into the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship.

“Having a four game winning streak really goes to show how we have all improved both our individual and team efforts. It proves that we are a strong, competitive team that is capable of doing great things. We truly have had an amazing season,” Hodyl said.

Hodyl said the team has continued to show they are a team capable of making a deep playoff run and the team remains optimistic they can do just that.

“I believe we have a really good shot at doing well this year because this is the best I’ve seen everybody play with both mental and physical standpoints of our games at an all-time high,” said Hodyl.

Oshkosh will begin their quest to state on Oct. 26 in Madison, Wisconsin for the kickoff to the WIAC Championship conference level competition at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium where they’ll hope to back up their impressive regular season performance with a strong playoff run.

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Arts & Entertainment

Pub Crawl proves chaotic

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A massive wave of binge drinking hit Oshkosh in the biannual Pub Crawl, where students, out-of-town friends and Oshkosh residents drank from early morning to late at night.

The event, which originated as a standard day of bar-hopping has largely degenerated to a spectacle of large house parties. This fall, partiers braved the mid-40-degree temperatures and afternoon rains for the event.

As the event becomes more house party focused, bars downtown have seen mixed results.

Distillery Pub manager Nick Wisler said the bar made about \$1,000 more than an average weekend.

“It was definitely busier than any other weekend since last Pub Crawl, but it wasn’t as busy as any other Pub Crawl I’ve seen,” Wisler said. “I know it’s more house parties now and everything else, but maybe with the weather it didn’t seem like as many people were out.”

According to Fletch’s Local Tap House manager Ryan Tuskowski, Pub Crawl doesn’t draw a crowd for the bar anymore.

“We get busy after 11 because we have the DJ, but nowadays it’s not really any different from a typ-

ical weekend,” Tuskowski said.

The university takes extra precautions to control the movement of people on campus. The university restricted parking over the weekend, refused non-UWO guests access to the residence halls for the weekend and ran security check-in stations from 7:30 p.m. on Friday to 3:30 a.m. on Sunday.

“The hardest thing can be when students are too drunk to remember who they are or where they are,” Nikki Yancey, a CSO who worked the security check-in station in Webster Hall late Saturday night, said.

There were still numerous problems, despite the University Police and Department of Residence Life’s efforts and policies.

The UP dispatch received a total of 161 calls between the hours of 4 p.m. on Friday and 3 a.m. on Sunday, just two calls more than the 2019 spring pub crawl. The calls included 12 alcohol-related calls, a third of which were for welfare checks. Five marijuana-related calls were made, resulting in two instances of a person possessing marijuana.

There also was one incident of “depositing human waste” near South Gruenhagen Hall. According to UP Chief Christopher Tarmann, this was most likely somebody urinating in public.



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A partier shotguns a beer around 3 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.



ABOVE LEFT: Trash Litters a yard. ABOVE CENTER: A police officer writes an open-intoxicant ticket. ABOVE RIGHT: A partygoer plays beer pong. BELOW: People dance and drink on a deck at a party on Amherst Avenue on Saturday afternoon.



Upcoming Events

- Thursday, Oct. 17:**
Oshkosh Community Players present “Sylvia” — The Grand Oshkosh, 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 18:**
Radio/TV/film Pro Perspectives — UW Oshkosh Music Hall, noon-1 p.m.
Oshkosh Community Players present “Sylvia” — The Grand Oshkosh, 7:30 p.m.
Women’s volleyball versus UW Stout — Kolf Sports Center, 6-9 p.m.
Live local music — Jambalaya Arts, 6:30 p.m.
Yell Like Hell & Lip Sync — Reeve Union Ballroom, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 19:**
Downtown Farmers Market — Main Street, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Men’s & Women’s cross country — Lake Breeze Golf Club, 10:30 a.m.
Football Homecoming game versus UW Eau Claire — J.J. Keller Field, 1:30 p.m.
Zooloween Boo — Menominee Park Zoo, noon-4 p.m.
Human Kinetics and Health Education Halloween Spooktacular — Albee Hall, 1-7 p.m.
Women’s soccer versus UW-Eau Claire — J.J. Keller Field 7 p.m.
Oshkosh Community Players present “Sylvia” — The Grand Oshkosh, 2 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
“Hocus Pocus” — Time Community Theater, 7-10 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 20:**
Zooloween Boo — Menominee Park Zoo, noon-4 p.m.
“Cemetery Tales: The Exhibition” — Oshkosh Public Museum, 1-4:30 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 21:**
Karaoke — Titan Underground, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 23:**
Women’s volleyball versus UW-Whitewater — Kolf Sports Center, 7 p.m.



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Students view Hunder’s exhibition at the gallery’s reception last Thursday night.

Details abound in ‘Ingress’

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On Oct. 10, photographer and printmaker Stephanie Hunder’s exhibition titled ‘Intricate Ingress’ opened at the Allen Priebe Art Gallery in the Arts and Communications building.

The exhibition features large prints of natural forms and objects hanging on the walls and suspended from wires, allowing for an immersive viewing experience as the viewer can walk between the pieces and view several pieces from two sides.

Hunder has said of her work in the past that “natural forms speak to us in metaphors – roots, branches, blossoms. The intention of natural science is to understand our surroundings, but nature leads inward as well. The study of the natural work is also a kind of philosophy.”

On Thursday she expanded on this philosophy of hers.

“I think it’s just the idea that there’s different places to find truth,” Hunder said. “There’s scientific study and observation. The idea that there’s some kind of truth or meaning in the natural world is what I mean by that. I really feel like the way people think is a reflection of their surroundings.

When you’re trying to formulate a thought, you can kind of use what’s around you to structure that thought.”

The exhibition’s title, “Intricate Ingress,” is a reflection of her philosophy of taking influence from the natural world, looking inward, searching for understanding and the quest for knowledge.

“My most recent works are these kind of figural pieces, and I felt like they were kind of like pictures of people who are looking for something,” Hunder said. “A couple of the figures are from these murals where they’re doing ritual practices, and it’s sort of the idea of exploring spirituality or exploring meaning, creating meaning, and the things people have done over time to try and understand themselves, and so the idea of ‘Ingress’ was sort of a way of going into that, and there were so many different angles and complicated ways to get there.”

The monochromatic, dark images in Hunder’s exhibition are very emotive.

“They’re very dark and mysterious, kind of like you’re entering a forest,” Hunder said of her works.

Originally, Hunder was interested in photography because of the way it documented something tangible.

“I really liked taking things from real life, like the photographs, because they could be really expressive, but they were also something from the real world,” Hunder said.

Her work shifted more toward printmaking by chance when she was forced to use a medium aside from photography, which she was comfortable with.

“I was doing this residency in Vermont, but they didn’t have the photography equipment I needed, and I was like, ‘What’s a different way to document?’ so I started printing directly from the plants,” Hunder said.

She quickly came to enjoy the nuanced details of her unique printmaking style.

“A lot of this work started at that residency, and I printed these things, and I threw them on the wall, and I was like, ‘Well, these ones kind of go together,’ and so I started grouping them together into these arrangements and collaging more, and it was really experimental and really intuitive,” Hunder said. “It’s a different type of document, and I kind of love the textures, and how you can see exactly how it was made, you know, the plants embossed into the paper.”

Hunder’s “Intricate Ingress” will be on exhibition through Oct. 30.

Titans dig into Homecoming with Spoons

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Homecoming week is underway, but there are still plenty of opportunities to get involved with the festivities.

UW Oshkosh kicked off its Homecoming on Sunday as campus life organizations painted the windows in Reeve Memorial Union.

On Monday, students participated in a spoons tournament that required participants to sign a waiver acknowledging the dangers that could ensue when the games were to get intense. On Tuesday, students participated in a talent show in the Reeve Memorial Union Ballroom. Wednesday night featured UWO’s annual Homecoming comedian. This year, Chris Distefano, who stars in MTV shows “Guy Code” and “Girl Code” was the featured comedian, performing in Albee Hall.

Tonight’s events include the Residence Life and Greek Life house and hall decorating, as well as flag football at the Rec Plex.

The homecoming comedian and the tailgating event on Saturday usually draw the biggest crowds and are planned by students in the Reeve Union Board beginning in early summer.

The biggest draw of Homecoming is on Saturday, when alumni

and families are invited to a day full of food and sports, featuring the football team’s Homecoming game versus UW-Eau Claire.

“Saturday is a day of lots of free food, games and activities for families to enjoy with their students,” Missy Burgess, associate director for student involvement said. “There are so many thing to enjoy, and most of them are free. We hope they get a taste of how much fun life as a Titan can be.”

Fraternities, sororities and residence halls are typically the most involved, although all students are welcome to participate in the events.

“Greek Life is super into homecoming,” Lauren Perry, a member of Alpha Xi Delta said. “Our favorite event is probably the lip sync competition. That’s a really big one for us just because everyone gets so into it; they get to dress up, they get to make up a routine for their theme and they get to practice with like everyone who’s participating, and it’s always super fun.”

Perry is one of several students running for Homecoming royalty.

“I’m running because I wanted to represent Greek Life in a different way,” Perry said. “I think it’s super important to represent UWO in every aspect, rather than just in my organization, and I just really like that opportunity to get myself out there.”



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Students desperately shoot their hands forward to grab a spoon.

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Opinion

Life on the second floor of Webster Hall

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Of all the things that one could fear going into their first semester of college, I feared dorm life the most.

It wasn't the immense workload that was inevitably going to be dumped upon me or the responsibility of having to live on my own for the first time, but instead the idea of having to share a communal bathroom with 59 other male students that inspired fear within me.

I have now spent a month living on the second floor of Webster Hall.

How does it measure up to my expectations? Well, it is absolutely worse than I ever could have imagined.

Let's start with the worst aspect of the floor: the bathroom.

The state of the bathroom can be summarized in one word: "Ew." From the astounding amount of unflushed toilets to floors that always seem to be wet for whatever reason, it always feels like I should be wearing a hazmat suit in there.

Even the sinks, which one would think would be the cleanest part of a bathroom (assuming that there even is one), are always a disgusting mix of facial hair and little chunks of food from people rinsing out their bowls, making them the last things I want to put



Peterson



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A student walks into Webster Residence Hall on High Avenue at UW Oshkosh.

my hands near.

The stalls are not in great shape either as it isn't uncommon to end up with one that does not have a functioning door (or if you're really unlucky, the one that doesn't have a door at all).

Each stall is uniquely decorated with etches and scribbles that provide wisdom such as "Pooping is Cool" and "Fuck Steve Jobs," and for some reason, almost every stall features at least one insult directed at a person named "Jaron." I have a feeling this mysterious man predates my stay here by at least a few years, but I hope he knows his legacy will forever be etched into the stalls of a college dorm bathroom.

The showers are surprising-

ly not that awful, aside from the collection of underwear and shampoo bottles that have been growing slowly but steadily over the last month.

In particular, this one pair of red underwear has been sitting in the same spot since about the fourth day of the semester, which always perplexes me. The owner must either not know that the underwear is theirs each time they walk past it or they just haven't taken a shower in almost a month. I'm not sure which is worse.

The real issue with the showers lies in the lack of privacy. Now maybe it's just me, but I do not find it desirable to be showering in the same room as other people. Sure, there are pinned-up tarps that are supposed to function as

curtains, but it never quite feels like enough.

The simple solution to this issue would just be to shower at a time where nobody else showers, but according to my observations, that time frame only exists from about midnight to 5:30 a.m., so good luck with that.

My grievances with the floor do not end when I leave the bathroom, however. The hallway is a whole different monster, and a putrid and noisy one at that.

The odor that fills the hallway is a strange combination of cologne, sweat and day-old food. This is no faint smell though. The second you enter the floor from the stairwell, it hits hard and fast.

Less disgusting but equally as obnoxious are the sounds of the

hallway. Besides the fact that most rooms seem intent on blasting music at the loudest possible volume and yelling for most of the day, the single most irritating thing is the constant slamming of doors. It genuinely amazes me that something as simple as closing a door gently could be such an issue.

Not only do I have the pleasure of hearing all the dorm doors slam shut, I am conveniently also located two doors down from the military-grade door to the stairwell that is near impossible to close in a quiet manner.

The most important lesson I have learned from living on the second floor of Webster Hall is that in college, privacy is a privilege, not a right.

Nowhere is this more true than your own room. I don't think it really matters if you know your roommate ahead of time or not. It's always going to be quite the adjustment having to live in such a small space with a stranger.

This adjustment can be especially difficult if one does not get along with their roommate. I was fortunate enough to get a reasonable roommate, so it would seem that I avoided the greatest roadblock one can have while adjusting to living in a dorm.

Still, if the idea of having to always be so confined with another person is as unappealing to anyone else as it is to me, I would recommend adopting my method of spending the vast majority of your day either wandering aimlessly around the campus or doing homework in the corner of Reeve.

Twin pop duo share hardships growing up gay in new memoir

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"High School," a memoir written by Tegan and Sara Quin, tells a compelling and emotional coming-of-age story of the identical twin sisters long before they became famous award-winning pop icons.

In their memoir, Tegan and Sara share what life was like as queer teenagers growing up in Calgary, Canada in the 1990s.



Bays

The duo take turns recounting chapters of their lives with unprecedented raw authenticity.

You may be asking yourself, "What could I possibly have in common with a queer Canadian twin pop band?" Tegan and Sara are able to cut through these superficial differences and connect to readers through universally shared experiences.

The book starts off in grade ten and follows Tegan and Sara as they navigate the confusing world of high school.

Through stories of first loves, heartbreaks, family feuds, divorce, acid-fueled parties and all-night raves, Tegan and Sara are able to

effectively relay the emotional chaos and heightened vulnerability that comes with discovering yourself.

In the chapter, "You Can't Say 'Fag,'" Tegan recounts a heated argument she had with her stepdad after he called Kurt Cobain a "fag." At first she responded with anger,

but eventually she burst into tears out of frustration because she was not able to effectively communicate why the word was so upsetting to her.

"I was far from being articulate about a topic I was just starting to understand myself," Tegan writes. "My own language was

still developing, my own comfort around the concept was still forming."

The memoir goes on to explore Tegan and Sara's memories about body image issues, mind-altering drugs, how to hide hickeys and much more.

As a fan of the pop duo my-

self, I found it surprising that they were able to be as creative and vulnerable in this book as they are in their music.

I couldn't help but relate "High School" to my own experience coming out as gay. I could connect with Tegan and Sara's stories because I too had experienced the same frustrations.

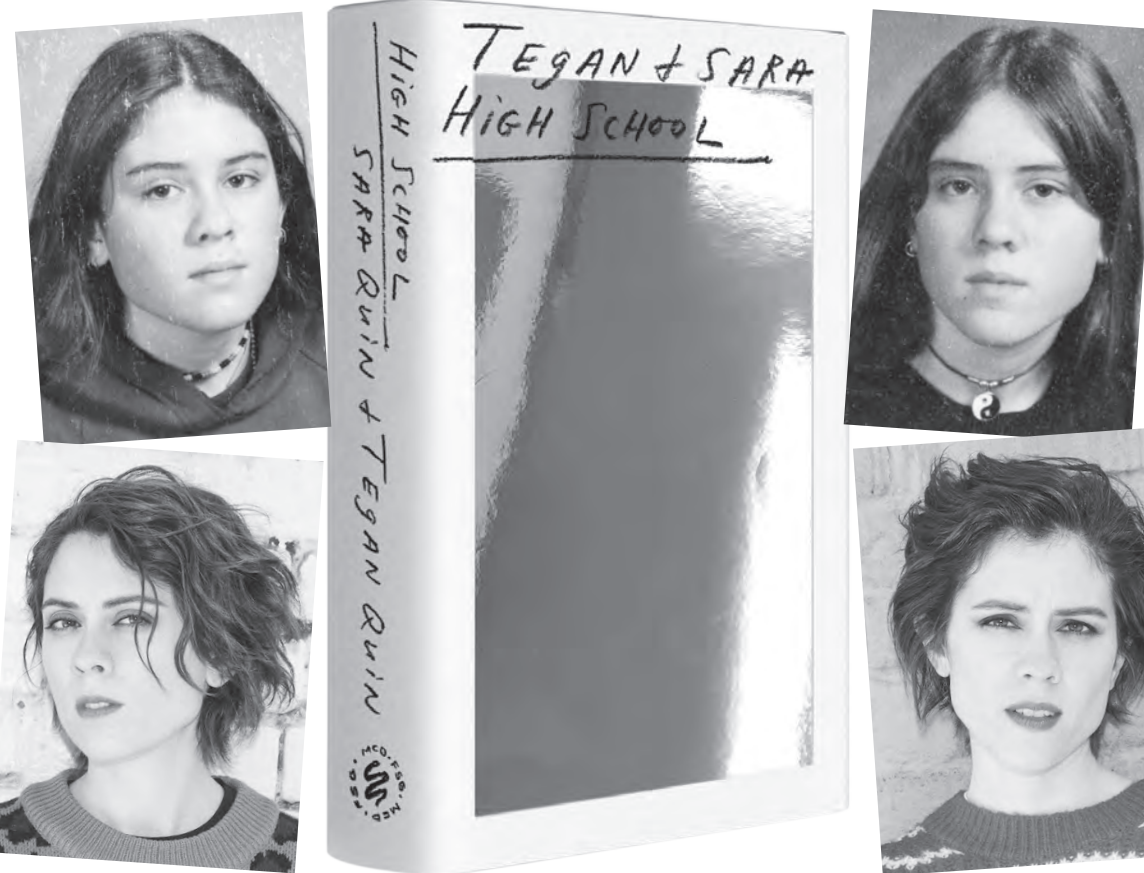
I grew up in a small town in Texas in the '90s and early 2000s. I attended a tiny, private Christian school.

Needless to say, homophobia was not in short supply. I learned that homosexuality was not only a sin, but also a choice that would lead to hell.

I suppressed my own homosexuality so much that I didn't even realize I was gay until I was 27.

The representation Tegan and Sara bring to the LGBTQ community is something I desperately wish I had when I was younger. I'm glad that queer youth can look up to them, not just as a successful band duo, but also as authors.

Though Tegan and Sara are gay women, making their memoir inherently queer, the unabashed honesty and talent for shining a spotlight on the core struggles of teenagers displayed in "High School" can appeal to any reader no matter how they identify.



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Tegan (left) and Sara (right) Quin in high school and in modern day. Photos courtesy of teganandsara.com

“Whatcha Think?”
about Pub Crawl?



Jenna Catania, freshman
“I thought it was fun, but people definitely go over the top. ... My friend got hurt. Her knee is all messed up now because somebody jumped off a roof onto her.”



Beau Ermatinger, senior
“I think Pub Crawl is a good experience for students to go hang out with each other in a more uncontrolled environment than usual and kind of celebrate the passion of Wisconsin and the drinking of alcohol.”



Nichole Doolittle, junior
“Pub Crawl is probably the worst and most dangerous time of the semester for the students as far as I’ve seen because I know too many people who have been carried away in stretchers.”



Braedon De Pew, sophomore
“I think that Pub Crawl is the definition of Oshkosh.”



Kiara Spillane, sophomore
“I think it’s a fun time, but I think kids do pretty stupid stuff that is just obnoxious. ... It’s fun if you’re being safe about it, I guess.”

Pub Crawl: Drinking before sundown

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8 a.m. — It was a crisp morning when my alarm went off on Saturday, Oct. 12, the beginning of fall Pub Crawl. Although some of my friends had already been up for an hour, downing their first sips of beer, I was just waking up to get ready to join them.

Pub Crawl happens twice a year, once in the fall and once in spring, and the entire campus drinks as much alcohol as they can until they can barely walk.



Reidinger

My roommates and I pledged to stay together throughout the day and make sure we all had a good time while being safe.

I started my morning with an ice-cold Smirnoff Ice while eating my breakfast of eggs and toast. It wasn’t the best combination in the world, but it’s a part of Pub Crawl — you drink the second you wake up.

11 a.m. — We took our first steps out of the apartment into the breezy morning air and headed our way to our first party. We met up with a couple of our guy friends and started cracking some cold Natural Light Seltzers, Catalina Lime Mixers and Jell-O shots.

The first house we went to was on Lincoln Avenue, very close to campus and an entire mob of people was already there. Music was blasting, drinks were flowing and everyone was trying to stay warm with the temperature only being in the lower 40s.

The best thing about Pub Crawl is that everyone just wants to have a good time, regardless of the weather or other circumstances.

12 p.m. — I had downed one Smirnoff Ice, six Jell-O shots and two Natural Lights; I was feeling



Lauren Reidinger / Advance-Titan
Lauren (middle) cracks open a beer with her roommates Katie (left) and Payton (right) at Pub Crawl.

pretty good.

There was a pickup truck that was driving around the streets handing out free hot dogs and water bottles to anyone who wanted them. Then, a girl on roller skates came around with the ketchup and mustard. You cannot make this stuff up!

After only a half hour of being at our first party, the cops slowly began to show up to try to end the party. I tried to take a photo with one of them, but it didn’t go so well. Nobody wanted to leave, but nobody wanted to get a ticket either, so we finally left and went back to one of our friends’ houses.

12:30 p.m. — Everyone was trying to warm up inside after being out in the freezing cold for so long. After a while of doing that, we headed off to another party.

I found myself in the middle of a game of beer pong with four guys I’ve never met before, but

they were super nice and hilariously drunk. Me and my partner ended up winning and celebrating largely with shotgunning a beer in the yard.

That’s when everything started to go fuzzy for me. Me and one of my friends went inside so I could use the restroom upstairs, and I ended up falling down the stairs on my way back outside.

I tried to laugh it off, but the pain was immense in my lower back and thigh. I sat down on the couches in the living room with my friend who was with me at the time. She and I just talked and tried to think of something other than the pain and drunkenness I was experiencing.

My two roommates found me quickly, got me water and sat next to me. I’m not sure how I got so drunk so quickly, but I did and everything from then on was a blur.

We ended up going to another

house party after a while, and the walk there seemed miles away. I ended up leaving after 10 minutes and had someone walk me back to my apartment.

2 p.m. — I ended up passing out on our living room couch.

5 p.m. — When I woke up, I decided it was in my best interest not to go out that night and instead stayed in with my roommates and watched movies and ate pizza.

This year’s Pub Crawl didn’t last long for me, but I did have a good time with my friends and got away from the reality of school and deadlines for a while. Hopefully spring Pub Crawl will be a little more enjoyable for me.

Normally people go to the bars that night along with drinking all day for Pub Crawl. It’s almost impossible for some people (me) to do this, but the driven ones usually find a way.

Michigan rapper shows different side in ‘uknowhatimsayinç’

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Michigan rapper Danny Brown has always flown under the radar, only popular in niche music circles. He gained notoriety in 2016 with his album “Atrocity Exhibition,” highlighting his unique production style, drug-binge fueled lyrics and a notable feature from Kendrick Lamar in the track “Really Doe.”

2019’s “uknowhatimsayinç” represents a new turn for the artist, turning a new leaf toward a more positive lifestyle. Gone are tracks highlighting his dire situation, addiction and regret with the album acting as a testimony of Brown’s recovery.

The standout track, “Best Life,” highlights the juxtaposition Brown finds himself in with a light and airy production quality and chorus “‘Cause ain’t no next life, so now I’m tryna live my best life.” This contrasts with his own introspection of how he’s made it this far with the lyrics “Not supposed to be here, dead, like Weekend at Bernie’s.”

Brown’s latest project is also his shortest. While “Atrocity Exhibition” and 2012’s “XXX” both run over an hour, “uknowhatimsayinç” is only 34 minutes, with most songs coming short of four minutes.

Though not a glaring issue, the album feels incomplete, lacking the immersion his previous albums had.

Brown’s production is still tight as ever. “Best Life” features light strings and a bright chorus, draw-

ing from ‘70s pop.

Fellow rapper JPEGMafia lent his hand to production as well by taking a verse on the track “Negro Spiritual.” His aid helps tracks bounce back and forth from heavy and hard-hitting to laid back and casual, often within the same song.

“uknowhatimsayinç” is a bit of an anomaly for Brown. It’s not a bad album by any means – but not memorable either.

The subdued lyrical content and lighter production make this album the black sheep of Brown’s discography. Yet what the album does right – sampling, lyrics and production – are still solid enough to hold the album up on its own.

After the final track ended, I found myself ready for more, only to realize it was over. Brown’s fatal flaw with his newest album is its brevity.

Besides a few singles, the project won’t leave the lasting impact found in “Atrocity Exhibition,” but “uknowhatimsayinç” is entirely worth a listen nonetheless.

Rating: 3.5 Stars ★★★★★

