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Coronavirus: Is UWO ready?

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As health officials around the globe race to combat the spread of the coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, UW Oshkosh is preparing for the worst.

The total number of confirmed cases around the world surpassed 100,000 as of March 7, according to the World Health Organization. Worldwide, over 4,000 people have died from the disease, according to USA Today.

In the United States there have been 800 confirmed cases and 27 deaths as of Tuesday, according to The New York Times.

On Tuesday, the state Department of Health Services announced that a third case of the coronavirus has been confirmed in Wisconsin.

The number of cases in Wisconsin is likely to increase. UW-Milwaukee Chancellor Mark A. Mone announced that the school is extending its spring

break and preparing to move the majority of its classes online because an employee was tested Monday for COVID-19.

As students at UWO prepare for spring break, Chancellor Andrew Leavitt warned, in a campuswide email Tuesday,

against non-essential personal or business travel away from our campus counties.

“With the number of COVID-19 cases rising rapidly both in the United States and internationally, you may face a higher risk of infection, significant delays in returning to campus and/or the expectation to self-isolate upon your return,” Leavitt wrote.

“Should you decide to travel to a level 3 area, you will be expected to self-isolate for 14 days, even if you do not exhibit symptoms. All people returning from spring break outside of our communities are required to self-monitor (for fever, cough and difficulty breathing) for 14 days.”

UWO recently developed a webpage where students can find links to information, local resources, travel advisories and internal messages related to the coronavirus outbreak.

COVID-19 causes cold or flu-like symptoms in humans and animals and is spread through close personal contact, coughing and sneezing or by touching surfaces with the virus on them and then touching the mouth, nose or eyes, the website said.

It adds that “there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 on any UWO campus.” The university has also activated a committee to monitor and address the situation.

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Civil service entities showcase their work prior to the State of the City address.

City looks to new decade

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City Manager Mark Rohloff discussed Oshkosh's achievements over the last year and outlined major projects as the city welcomes a new decade of de-

velopment at the annual State of the City Address on Monday.

Rohloff discussed plans for improvements to infrastructure, areas the city hopes to continue developing and the city's financial concerns.

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Missing players unexplained

UWO: Student records confidential

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Two starters from last year's UW Oshkosh NCAA Division III men's basketball national title team did not finish the 2019-20 season with the team, and attempts to find out why have been unsuccessful.

The Advance-Titan contacted Athletic Director Darryl Sims, Head Coach Matt Lewis, Interim Executive Director of Marketing and Communications Peggy Breister, Police Lt. Trent Martin and an assistant at the Winnebago County District Attorney's office, and all said they could not comment on an active investigation.

Breister also said the investigation had been handed over to the Winnebago County District

Attorney, noting that all investigations involving students are subject to redaction.

“UW Oshkosh takes all reports of student conduct seriously,” Breister said. “Independent of the police investigation, the Dean of Students Office handles student conduct investigations. Student conduct investigations are considered part of student confidential records and are not released to the public.”

Nearly three weeks ago, the Advance-Titan also filed multiple record requests through the university relating to the matter; the paper has yet to receive a response.

The players were displayed on the UWO athletics online roster to begin the year and have since been removed.

As of two weeks ago, neither of the players were registered in the university directory.

The team has also recently taken a new roster photo without the two to put on its website.

An anonymous source said it was difficult to keep pushing throughout the adversity-filled season.

“It was tough at first,” he said. “You know, those were two starters for us. It's next-man-up mentality. We had two big freshmen and a transfer-in, so there's three guys who are first-year guys who have really come into their own. We've always been a really close team off the court, so I think that really helped us mesh on the court.”

The Titans finished their season on Saturday in the second round of the D-III men's basketball tournament with a 20-9 record.

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The UWO heating plant burns about 25 tons of coal per day for approximately 100 days during the winter months.

UWO goes coal free

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UW Oshkosh will be going coal free and making the switch to natural gas after the last load of coal arrives at UWO on March 12.

“This move away from coal is important because it reduces our CO2 emissions, improves air quality and saves our facilities, heating plant and grounds staff time and money,” UWO campus sustainability coordinator Brad Spanbauer said. “Additionally, all of the equipment and machinery that was needed to move coal in the heating plant uses electricity, so we will have a lower electric bill at the heating plant.”

Along with this, trucks and other gasoline-powered equipment used to move coal and residual ash to and from campus will no longer be burned, which is also better for the environment.

“Any coal remaining in the bunker will be burned before the end of the month and then the heating plant will switch to using 100% natural

gas,” Spanbauer said. Central Heating/Chiller Plant Superintendent Dan Biese said the renovations will cost about \$2 million.

“The boilers already can run on natural gas, so the only renovations that will be taking place is the removal of all of the equipment and machinery that is used to move the coal from the bunker, up the the elevator and into the coal scale before it is distributed to the boilers and burned,” Spanbauer said.

Spanbauer said the switch to natural gas is a cleaner option from an air quality standpoint.

“Combustion of natural gas produces 50% fewer CO2 emissions, so our heating plant’s contribution to climate change will decrease slightly,” Spanbauer said. “Additionally, coal is very dirty and releases particulate matter and toxic substances, such as mercury, into the atmosphere, which rains down over the region and into our soils and waterways.”

Biese said UWO uses about 2,000 tons of coal and 90 tons of

refuse-derived fuel pellets annually. The refuse-derived pellets are made of various types of waste that are then mixed with the coal.

UWO burns about 25 tons per day for approximately 100 days during the winter months.

Spanbauer said the switch to natural gas will also be more cost effective.

“About \$400,000 is spent per year on 2,000 tons of coal for campus,” Spanbauer said. “An additional 90 tons of paper pellets cost nearly \$5,000. So we will save a total of \$404,950.”

Biese said working with coal in the heating plant is demanding and messy.

“I know the guys aren’t sad that we’re going off coal,” Biese said.

Spanbauer said the state contract for using coal ended and was not renewed.

“Going coal free was not necessarily a decision we made, since energy fuel is mandated by the state,” Spanbauer said. “However, this definitely aligns with the interests

of those who have been working toward a more sustainable future for campus.”

Spanbauer said with the move away from coal, the region can look forward to improved air quality and fewer emissions.

“These shifts are important to everyone on the planet as we need to recognize the connections between our impacts on the planet and its atmosphere and our health,” Spanbauer said. “Who would be against having cleaner air to breathe?”

Spanauer said going coal free is just one sustainability effort that sets UWO apart from other campuses.

“This is a benefit to the UWO campus because it shows our dedication to sustainability, a foundational element of our institution that we have prided ourselves on for over a decade,” Spanbauer said. “I hope prospective students will consider Oshkosh when they are looking at colleges and thinking about a place where they can feel comfortable knowing that we are committed to doing the right thing.”

OSA to partner with Oshkosh Food Co-op

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An upcoming OSA fundraiser and updates on the campus’ response to the COVID-19 coronavirus were the main topics of discussion at the OSA Assembly meeting on Monday, March 9.

The Oshkosh Food Co-op is still raising funds to eventually open in what will be the Brio building, which will be located at the corner of Jackson Street and Pearl Avenue.

OSA President Jacob Banfield and other members of the OSA executive board hope that the co-op will offer the campus community a healthy and sustainable source of groceries, as well as job and volunteer opportunities.

OSA will host the OSA Open, a golf fundraiser for the Oshkosh Food Co-op, on May 2.

“Banfield has met with the board of directors at the co-op and he thought it was an ample opportunity as far as what the co-op has to offer for the campus as far as job opportunities as well as a healthy alternative

for food and produce for students here in the campus area,” Harrison Collar, OSA chief of staff said prior to the assembly meeting. “I think it’ll offer a healthier option as far as food goes for the campus.”

Collar said that they settled on a golf fundraiser because they thought it was a more inclusive sport in regards to age and gender.

“President Banfield has participated in many golf outings in his career and he thought it would be a good opportunity to incorporate alumni as well as students,” Collar said. “He thought that was a good opportunity and community event that we could utilize to raise money for [the Oshkosh Food co-op].”

Collar said that the main targets for the event are students at the university and alumni.

Collar said the event had been

postponed until fall because the OSA executive board was mainly focused on opening The Cabinet and continuing UWO Go, but they’ve reassessed where they stand following their success with The Cabinet.

“Going back and meeting with the board as far as the OSA Open goes, we redetermined that we actually have the proper amount of time to focus our efforts on this,” Collar said. “We thought it was the right thing to do — to go forward with this project.”

Banfield said getting a marketing strategy for the event established and completing the registration form are the next priorities for the OSA Open.

“After spring break is going to be the really hard push for students, alumni and everyone who wants to participate in this event to sign up,” Banfield said at the assembly meeting.

The OSA Open asks that groups of four register as a team, but students without a group can sign up individually and be paired with oth-

ers who are without a group.

Banfield said Missing Links, a golf simulator in Neenah, has donated clubs to be used by teams that do not own their own.

Jean Kwaterski, an OSA co-adviser, said that staff of the university are working hard to ensure students aren’t endangered on campus if the coronavirus spreads through Wisconsin. At the time of writing, there have been two confirmed cases in the state.

“As things change, we’ll keep students updated,” Kwaterski said. “There may be information about classes, if classes should change. The faculty are looking to see if something should come up, whether they teach their classes online. A lot of people are working on that here on campus to make sure things are running smoothly.”

In a message to students and faculty, UWO Provost John Koker said that the format of courses might be modified so they can be completed online in case of a coronavirus outbreak.

Green Fund promotes sustainable student projects

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Students have until March 20 to submit a proposal to the Green Fund, a student-run organization that promotes sustainable changes to the campus by those who want to help keep UW Oshkosh a green campus.

Each year, the Green Fund has \$60,000 to spend on student-driven projects to create a more sustainable campus. Not every project has to use all of it though; it leaves room for several proposals to be approved each semester.

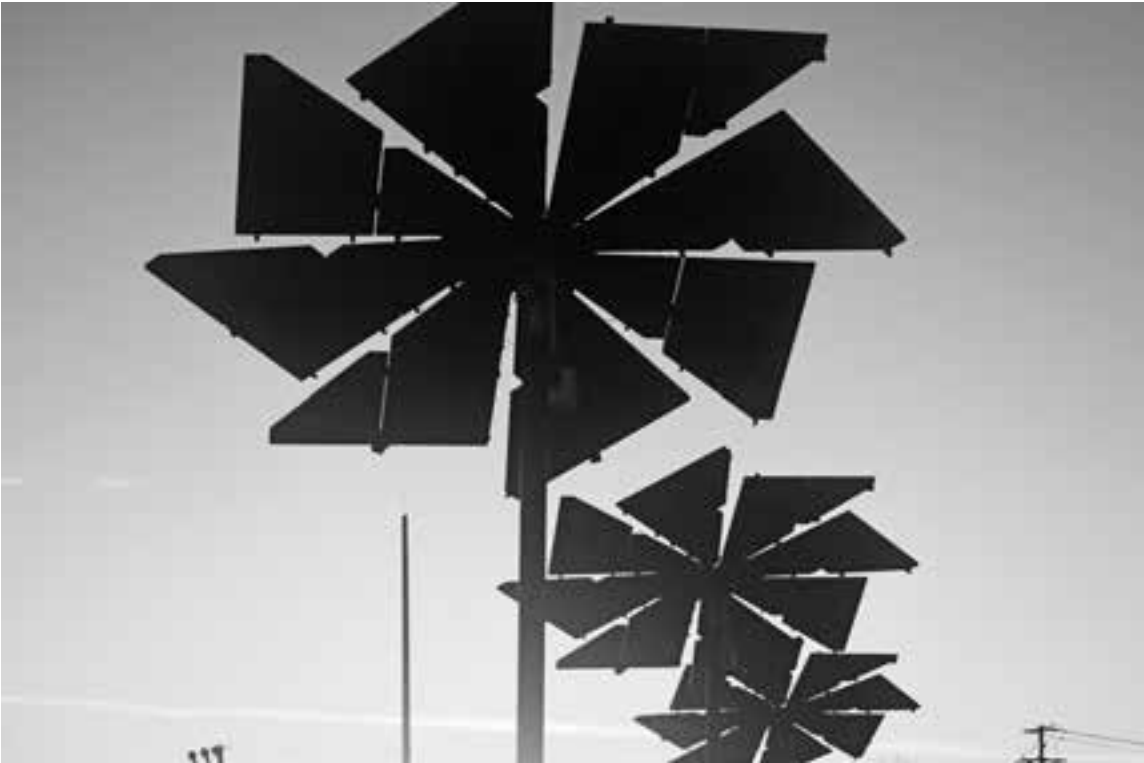
According to an email sent by Campus Sustainability Officer Bradley Spanbauer, “[p]rojects can be anything related to sustainability from social justice and climate change to landscaping and food movements.

“Proposals can be written by any student or student groups and will be reviewed for approval and funding each semester,” the email said. “All it takes to submit a proposal is to fill out an application and email [it] to greenfund@uwosh.edu.”

Previous Green Fund projects include bike repair stations, the OZZI reusable salad container station in Reeve Memorial Union and wooden duck boxes along the Fox River.

Student Sustainability Director Lisa Marone explains why she wanted to be part of the Green Fund.

“I go to school here, I’ve lived in Oshkosh my whole life and I care about the environment,”



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In the fall 2019 semester, the Green Fund received 10 applications and accepted seven of them.

Marone said. “So what can I do in my personal life to leave this place better?”

Marone’s job as student sustainability director is to meet with students who have a sustainable project idea and help them through the process of submitting a Green Fund application, which, according to her, is incredibly easy.

“I’ll show them the application and highlight what’s important,” Marone said. “We go down the application and I ask for some potential outcomes — what’s the ending, the final product — and we just keep going. Finally, once they have their draft complete,

they turn it in to us. And maybe a month or so later, [you’ll] have the presentation.”

Marone also said that the Green Fund’s focus was not just mainstream wind and solar power, but other projects that still provide a sustainable change at UWO.

“Everyone submitting a proposal will have a chance to present it to the Green Fund committee,” Spanbauer’s email stated. “Once all of the proposals have been presented and reviewed, the Green Fund committee will vote on which projects to fund and how much to allocate to each project.”

Julia Steffes, senior environmental studies major and chair of the Green Fund committee, talks about the excitement behind implementing projects through the Green Fund.

“You get to see things actually happen on campus versus in a classroom you’re just writing theoretical stuff,” Steffes said. “You get to see it implemented.”

In the fall 2019 semester, the Green Fund received 10 applications and accepted seven of them. Steffes said that proposals may be turned down because of budget restraints and incomplete detailing.

“Most of the proposals that

come our way are really well thought out and great for the campus, so we usually fund them,” Steffes said. “There’s only a few that we don’t fund and we’ll sometimes table for the next semester, which basically means we need more information before we put money into it.”

Marone said students are also able to complete an unfinished project.

“If you see a proposal on the website that wasn’t completed or funded and you want to go for it, you can,” she said.

One thing to note, though, Marone said, is that once an application is put through the Green Fund committee, only one additional budget request is allowed.

Steffes, looking at the future of the Green Fund, said that she hopes students will continue to put forward sustainable projects for UWO.

“Our current members have done a really good job of making sure it doesn’t fall by the wayside,” Steffes said. “I hope that the Green Fund can maintain its membership and its funding, because the student input, especially with the all of the things going on with government and administration, the environment and sustainability gets put aside.”

“We need younger classes to come up and take hold of the Green Fund,” Marone said. “I want to get more support from faculty; I want the Green Fund to be known. If you’re a student at UW Oshkosh, you should know what the Green Fund is.”



Courtesy of Axios on HBO

Jim VandeHei interviews Donald Trump Jr. last Friday in Oblio’s Lounge in front of a crowd of Republican voters that aired on “Axios on HBO” Sunday.

UWO alum and Axios co-founder interviews Trump Jr.

By Joseph Schulz
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Axios co-founder and UW Oshkosh alumnus Jim VandeHei returned to a spot he frequented in his “younger days” last Friday, but this time he was without his drinking buddies.

VandeHei and Donald Trump Jr. sat down for an interview in Oblio’s Lounge in front of a crowd of Republican voters that aired on “Axios on HBO” Sunday.

In an interview with The Advance-Titan, VandeHei said he wanted to do the interview in

Oshkosh because Winnebago County voted for Barack Obama twice before voting for Donald Trump in 2016.

He added that many HBO viewers live on the coasts and may not have been exposed to Trump voters before.

Axios worked with the local Republican Party offices to fill the room with Trump supporters, because VandeHei wanted to interact with them on camera.

“The ability to bring them in and show how much they believe in Trump, even more that they believe that the Republican party I thought would be powerful,”

Vandehei said. “I was surprised, the crowd was nicer to me than I anticipated.”

During the interview, VandeHei questioned Trump Jr. about saying Democrats hope coronavirus kills millions of people so it will end his father’s presidency. Trump Jr. replied that he’s “entitled to speak with hyperbole.”

VandeHei thinks there’s too much hyperbole in political speech nowadays and that social media often brings out the worst in people.

“I don’t know that the world needs more hyperbole right

now,” he said. “It probably needs a little more sanity, a little more balance, a little more fairness.”

In the television interview, Trump Jr. also said he would be willing to publicly debate former Vice President Joe Biden’s son, Hunter Biden, and that he’d invite VandeHei to moderate.

VandeHei said he doubts that Hunter Biden would ever agree to such a debate but that he’s open to moderating it.

He added that it’s not the most important topic facing the country right now and that both men have questions to answer regarding profiting off their parents.

“It’s not an inconsequential topic, though, about how much money families make off of their parents when they’re in positions of power,” VandeHei said.

HBO viewers only got a small taste of the interview, as the one on TV was only 10 minutes, whereas the one inside Oblio’s was about an hour. VandeHei described it as “feisty” and at times “contentious.”

“When I got off stage and talked to people, I thought that almost everyone said they thought it was fair,” VendeHei said.

2020 vision: Event looks to the future of Oshkosh

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Within the next five years, property improvements vastly outweigh every other section in the city’s five year capital improvement plan with an estimated cost of over \$90 million according to the city’s website.

Rohloff also discussed the main challenge for development facing the City of Oshkosh at the moment: attracting a thriving workforce.

“In this day and age, you talk to any business person in town, the No. 1 issue related to economic development is workforce, and how do we attract a workforce,” Rohloff said.

Rohloff praised the work that neighborhood associations, such as the River East Neighborhood Association, who over the past year have revitalized the William Waters Plaza near the public library.

“It’s our neighborhoods,” Rohloff said. “That’s how we attract workforce. Part of getting a talented workforce attracted to our community is our community being viewed as a welcoming and inclusive community, getting people to say ‘I want to live here.’”

Rohloff said that the 18 Oshkosh neighborhood associations have been very important to creating vibrant communities that showcase a sense of pride.

“We all have a vested interest — an economic interest — to make sure that every neighborhood in our community



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City Manager Mark Rohloff speaks at the State of the City event about plans for the future of Oshkosh and the importance of community development.

succeeds,” Rohloff said. “I’m going to ask for your help to help the neighborhood associations, help your own neighborhood become more vibrant and relevant and economically strong.”

Rohloff said the quality of neighborhoods has an impact on Oshkosh residents’ quality of life. People expect things like infrastructure to be good, he said, but quality of life is what attracts

people to a community.

“They don’t go back to their spouse after they interview for a job in Oshkosh and say ‘Oh my gosh, honey, the sewers in Oshkosh are just awesome,’” Rohloff said. “They say ‘we have wonderful libraries, the park system is great, the school system is great, they have a public museum,’ those are the things that make our community vibrant.”

Rohloff said that Oshkosh’s public amenities such as the public museum, library and parks are integral parts to the community and its further development. He said that’s why projects like the riverwalk are essential to the continued growth of the community.

“Look what we’ve done with our riverwalk system,” Rohloff said. “That’s just 10 years; we didn’t start those projects until

2010. Think of what more we can get done in the next ten years.”

Rohloff said that the city should focus on finishing the riverwalk system within the next decade.

“I’m happy to report that the state of our city is strong, it’s vibrant and it’s poised for wonderful next decade, and many decades as we go forward,” Rohloff said.

Women’s Center not just for females

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While the UW Oshkosh Women’s Center may be hidden inside the Campus Center for Equity and Diversity, the work they do to offer support and resources to students of all genders is a prevalent part of campus culture.

The Women’s Center opened its doors in 2004 to address concerns from the UW System Status of Women report.

The UW System Initiative on the Status of Women was created to evaluate the status of women on UW campuses and to establish an organization to improve the status of those women, the University of Wisconsin website states.

According to Alicia Johnson, the director of the Women’s Center, the goal of the UW Oshkosh Women’s Center is to “work with both students and staff to address different gender equity issues on campus.”

Notice how Johnson didn’t specify just women in their goal. While it may be called the Women’s Center, embedded in their philosophy is the inclusion of all genders to reach their goal of gender equity.

“One main misconception is that our work doesn’t benefit men or that we don’t engage men, which we do,” Johnson said. “For us, we center intersectionality in everything that we do and we value engaging different

perspectives”

Individuals of all genders are welcome to join in the discussion of gender equity, and one way the Women’s Center strives to include men and masculine-identifying students in their work is through Masculinity Mondays.

During Masculinity Mondays, students “talk about masculinity and how to promote healthy masculinity as a way to reach gender equity,” Johnson said.

Another event hosted by the Women’s Center and Reeve Memorial Union is the annual Titan LeadHERship Conference, which addresses the gap in leadership and empowers women to pursue leadership positions in their area of interest.

“We started by focusing on students in what’s considered ‘pink-collared’ majors,” Johnson said. “Majors like nursing and education, social work and human service, because the research shows that even though women are the majority workforce in those fields, men still hold the leadership positions.”

Braini McKenzie, Titan Femtorship and LeadHERship coordinator, enjoys the photo exhibit that is part of the LeadHERship conference because it gives us insight into the women around campus that we may not see all the time.

“The photo exhibit was to highlight and uplift women-identified leaders on campus” Johnson states.



Courtesy of UW Oshkosh Flickr

The UW Oshkosh Women’s Center serves students, staff, faculty and community members through educational programs to address a gender and social issues as well as provides resources for women and gender minorities.

On top of the programs the Women’s Center offers, they also provide plenty of resources to students in their office.

Some of these resources include: a computer lab, a craft corner, a lactation room, two all-gender bathrooms with changing tables, free menstrual hygiene products, free safer sex supplies, beverages and information about other community and campus resources.

McKenzie encourages students to get involved by coming by to check out the Women’s Center and using their resources, such as the PlayStation 4 and games they have.

For her, as a senior at UWO, being a part of the Women’s Center has given her a chance to develop her character and gain insight into a larger community.

“To me, it’s being a part of a community that’s even bigger

than I imagined it would be,” McKenzie said.

Johnson wants students to know that anyone is welcome at the Women’s Center who wishes to engage in judgment-free open dialogue to explore different viewpoints.

“It’s our philosophy that everyone needs to be at the table in order to reach gender equity,” Johnson said.

Coronavirus: UWO prepares for possible outbreak

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Monitoring the situation and taking steps as directed by the CDC and local, state and regional public health officials,” the webpage reads.

University Police Lt. Trent Martin and Student Health Center Director Karen Sanchez are representing UWO on the UW System Emergency Operations Committee, according to a March 3 email to all university personnel from Leavitt.

The team relays information to UWO leadership covering response recommendations for educational institutions, travel advisories, reported cases and how to stay safe to stop the spread of the virus, the email added.

“Our main concern is your safety,” Leavitt wrote. “We are monitoring information and recommendations from health agencies at the local, state and national level and we will continue to keep you informed.”

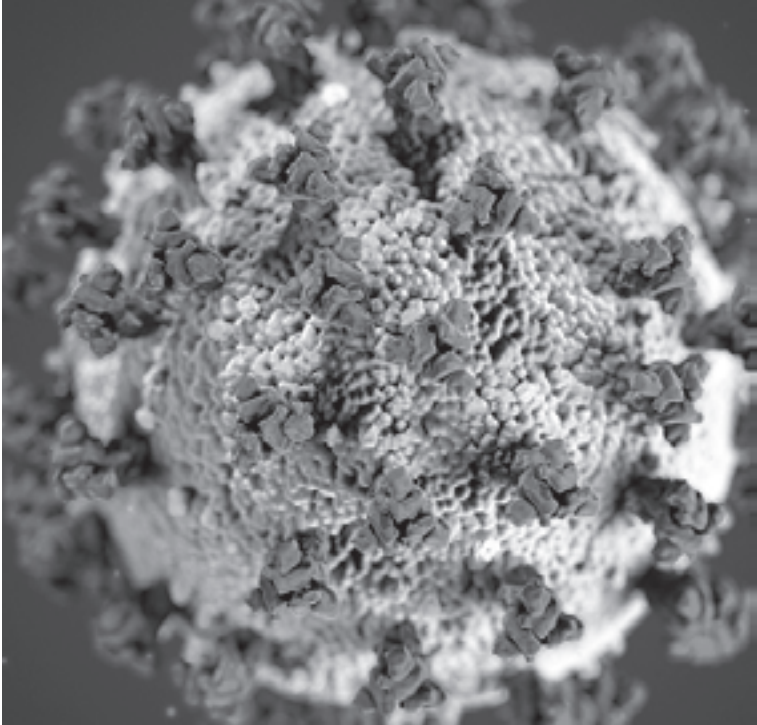
On Sunday, Provost John Koker

emailed faculty members a “Continuity of Instruction Plan” that said instructors should develop contingency plans for dealing with class disruption due to a potential COVID-19 outbreak.

The email encouraged faculty to read a statement to their classes that said: “In the event of disruption of normal classroom activities due to a coronavirus outbreak, information pertaining to the completion of this course will be emailed to all students. It is possible that the format for this course may be modified to enable completion of the course. In that event, you will be provided an addendum to the course syllabus.”

Koker added that he is working with faculty and staff to develop resources to help instructors finish classes online “in the event of a major disruption, including a closure of campus for several weeks.”

For updates as they happen visit uwosh.edu/studenthealth/coronavirus.



Courtesy of the CDC

In the United States, there have been 800 confirmed cases of and 27 deaths as of Tuesday, according to The New York Times.



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UWO gets new doggo

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The UW Oshkosh Counseling Center has a new therapy dog, a rescued 4.5-year-old Lhasa Apso named Leo.

Counseling Center Director Sandra Cox, who owns Leo, said therapy dogs have been at the center for approximately eight years.

“A therapy dog in the Counseling Center is important as they provide comfort and care in a way that humans sometimes cannot do,” Cox said. “People will often receive comfort more from an animal than they will from humans due to their unconditional positive regard towards others.”

Cox said that since Leo’s introduction to the center in January, he’s been adapting great to his new environment.

“He loves people, so we are still working on the calm meet-and-greet because his love is exuberant, all 12 pounds of him,” Cox said. “He is happy to sit and give comfort and he is also happy to show you his favorite toys, which, lately, has been Sheepy.”

Cox said she’s had her dog be the therapy dog for UWO and her last campus for over nine years now.

“The positive impact [of] having a therapy dog in the center has been so overwhelming, I want to continue to offer the experience wherever I go,” Cox said. “I have always rescued my dogs and I go with my intuition of a dog that seems to also be intuitive and loving with humans.”

Cox said the previous therapy dog, Annie, who passed away last August due to cancer, was at the Counseling Center for five and a half years.

“She was my fur family and she came with me to UWO,” Cox said. “Leo and Annie have both helped students through some of the most distressing moments in their lives. They are also just pure sunshine that brings a smile to everyone’s face, which is always positive.”

Cox said students have been overwhelmingly positive about the presence of a therapy dog on campus.

“We are also sure to provide guidelines for students who may be allergic and/or fearful as well,” Cox said. “It has been a bonus that Annie was loving with humans, and Leo is really funny and joyful as well.”

Cox said Leo doesn’t have any set hours yet because he goes along with her schedule.

“We are usually out walking campus at lunch time,” Cox said. “Clients of the Counseling Center are also welcome to talk with their counselor about scheduling Leo time.”

The Counseling Center is located on the second floor of the Student Success Center and is open 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Coronavirus outbreak impacts everyday life

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When Peter Lenz moved to South Korea in August 2019 to teach English at an elementary school in the city of Daegu, he never imagined that he’d find himself at the center of a global epidemic.

South Korea has had more than 7,300 confirmed coronavirus infections, killing more than 50 people, according to CNN.

Lenz said the mood was eerie when the outbreak first happened, describing Daegu as a ghost town.

But recently the mood has become more precautionary as the city begins to recover from the virus, Lenz added.

“People are still wearing masks, still avoiding [going] outside as much as they can, but it’s not to the extent that it was when it first happened,” he said.

Lenz isn’t worried about his personal safety, but he is worried about contracting the virus and transmitting it to his students.

“I’m obviously concerned enough to not want to personally get sick, but I’m much more concerned about if I would then spread

it to more vulnerable populations,” he said.

Despite the outbreak, he plans to remain in South Korea for the time being. Lenz returned to school on Monday, but students will not be returning to class until March 23.

The virus has taken a tremendous toll on the local economy in Daegu, and street commerce has largely come to a halt, he added.

“Business owners are really taking a hit through a lot of this,” Lenz said.

Those in South Korea aren’t the only ones impacted by the high number of confirmed cases, as UWO’s study abroad programs have already been affected by the coronavirus outbreak.

Office of International Education Director Jennifer Graff said the university cancelled a student exchange program to South Korea in response to the virus.

The university cancels trips when the CDC changes the travel health notice for an area to level three, which means the CDC warns against non-essential travel, Graff added.

Beyond stopping trips to South Korea, the UWO Office of Interna-

tional Education also returned a student to the U.S. after Italy’s travel health notice hit level 3, Graff said.

She added that the virus is also creating uncertainty for international students, who fear that if they go home they may not be allowed back into the country due to travel bans.

Jeffrey Delgadillo, an international student from Peru, is experiencing those fears first hand.

“I’m planning on doing my student visa renewal in August,” he said in an email. “I’m afraid that if I go back to Peru, they might be able to deny my entry back to the U.S.”

Because the virus originated in China, Graff added that people who look Asian have been targets of discrimination due to fears surrounding the coronavirus.

To overcome the uncertainty surrounding the virus, Graff believes the community at home and abroad needs to come together to support each other through this epidemic.

“We’re all connected on this and we can all support each other and hopefully cooperate and collaborate to protect each other as we go through this,” she said.

HSU addresses proposed deportation policy

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The Hmong Student Union held an open meeting March 5 to discuss the ongoing threat of deportation to the Hmong and Lao refugee communities.

The Trump administration is considering deporting Hmong and Lao non-citizens back to Laos. The administration entered negotiations with the Lao government to set up and fund a “reintegration” program for those deported.

The HSU put out a statement on Feb. 28 via Facebook condemning the proposal of deportations and the negotiations between the two governments.

HSU Executive Board members expressed their discontent and shock with the news.

“It was difficult hearing news of the proposal,” Secretary Lou Lee said. “At first, I had hopes of the proposal not being true. However, as more news came out and

confirmation of the negotiations were stated, I began to realize the actual weight of the issue.”

“When I first saw news of it, I found it kind of hard to believe,” HSU Oshkosh Student Association Representative and Marketing and Media Specialist Mai Lee Xiong said. “I began to realize how serious it actually was.”

Laos’ government is known for its repressive tactics and violation of human rights. Reports from the Human Rights Watch mention strict opposition to freedom of speech and “widespread judicial corruption.” In addition, political dissidents are often prosecuted under obscure laws that specifically target activists.

“Students are scared for their families and even their peers who are directly affected by this proposal,” Max Khang, Multicultural Education Center representative and public relations manager, said. “Families, who have survived communism and genocide, are fearful of being sent back to

a country who has broken human rights violations before in history.”

If the Trump administration commits to this policy, students would see family and fellow students distressed because they are facing possible removal from the country. Treasurer Nou Chi Vang said this is a time that students may be skeptical of their belonging at UWO.

“Right now, it causes stress on individual students concerning their close family members, and it’s going to affect how a Hmong or Lao student is accepted and belongs to the campus whether we are able to seek support here,” she said.

The meeting comes after Rep. Betty McCollum, D-Minn., introduced a bill in Congress designed to halt deportations for Hmong and Lao refugees for five years, NBC News reported. HSU President Doua Xiong was cautious but optimistic about the bill.

“Although this is good news, it

does not guarantee anything,” she said.

The HSU said that there is a way for people to help.

“Aside from seeking information from Hmong individuals, allies could help inform people about what is going on,” the HSU said. “Help us spread awareness of this situation, as awareness will be a major step into making change.”

There are various on- and off-campus events and actions supporting the Hmong and Lao communities. Among those actions, UWO College Democrats circulated a petition to gather signatures in support of the Hmong and Lao communities and a resolution has been introduced to the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors intended to voice the board’s opposition to the proposed federal policy.

The Board of Supervisors will vote on the resolution March 17 at 6 p.m.



District OKs free busing for K-12 students

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The Oshkosh Area School District board approved \$33,500 in yearly funding to supply free student transportation on GoTransit Oshkosh bus lines for all K-12 students in Oshkosh at their Feb. 26 meeting.

“This is part of our mission statement, vision statement and also our mantra of ‘students first’,” Barbara Herzog, president of the school board, said. “I just see many benefits [to free student transportation].”

After passing an amendment to the resolution, proposed by school board Vice President Kelly Olmsted, the school board passed the resolution unanimously.

The amendment secured additional funding that would provide OASD K-12 students that attend private schools free transportation on GoTransit Oshkosh services.

Originally, the resolution for free student public transport called for a \$30,000 yearly commitment for two years. However, OASD Superintendent Vickie Cartwright informed the board the amount would need to be increased.

“The district is required by law to provide private school students the same level of transportation as is provided to public school students,” Cartwright said. “In order to do that, it would be an additional \$3,500 commitment per year.”

The \$3,500 increase did not sway the school board away from passing the resolution, as Herzog said passing the resolution was another example of the OASD moving forward.

Board member Bob Poeschl said that this allocation, along with a “community contribution” they had, would enable the free student transportation program to go into effect as early as summer 2020.

“We have the ability to kick this program off July 1,” Poeschl said. “There is enough funding there for it.”

Before the resolution was voted on, the board discussed the possible benefits of free student transportation for K-12 students in Oshkosh.

Board member Allison Garner prompted the discussion by asking the board what problem was being solved by passing the resolution.

Olmsted responded with accounts community members told her regarding their dependence on public transportation.

“We had a girl come talk to us months ago,” Olmsted said. “Her Christmas gift was a bus pass to get to school. There are more students out there that worry about how to get to school than I think our community understands.”

The board also discussed how they could measure the success of the free student transport program if it were to be implemented.

Cartwright said City Manager Mark Rohloff said that a “tracking system” would be put in place so the board could record how frequently free transportation is used by students.

In addition to the “tracking system,” Cartwright said the board could compare truancy and absenteeism rate to before and after free transportation was offered to students. Although, she added that truancy and absenteeism is not always directly correlated to student transportation.

Poeschl said that the success of free student transportation is not entirely dependent on if a specific problem is solved.

“It’s not necessarily about filling that need or solving that issue,” board member Bob Poeschl said. “It’s about creating access, more access to our community, and shaping the person who utilizes those services in our community.”

Miss Oshkosh crowned

Oshkosh resident and University of Wisconsin Oshkosh student, Breah Ostertag, was crowned Miss Oshkosh 2020.

Along with the title, Ostertag received a \$3,500 scholarship during Saturday’s 2020 Miss Oshkosh Scholarship Competition at Alberta Kimball Auditorium.

The competition awarded a total of \$12,250 in scholarships, thanks in large part to all its many sponsors and supporters including the Oshkosh Area Women’s Association.

Ostertag competed against eight other women for the title. She won highest overall interview.

Ostertag performed “Fantaisie Impromptu, Op. 66” on the piano as her talent. Her social impact initiative is “Part of the Pride — Supporting LGBT+ Youth.”

She looks to use her year of service to connect with and educate youths that are struggling in the Oshkosh community.

Ostertag’s educational and career goals revolve around her interest in helping all youth. She

hopes to become a school social worker. Having completed a bachelor’s degree at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, she is now studying social work at UW Oshkosh.

Miss Oshkosh’s Outstanding Teen 2020 is Paige Nikodem. She competed alongside six other young women vying for the title.

Nikodem performed a baton-twirling routine to “Atlanta” and advocates for cancer patients as her platform.

Both young women will compete at the Miss Wisconsin Scholarship Competition for the titles of Miss Wisconsin and Miss Wisconsin’s Outstanding Teen, June 17 to 20 at the Alberta Kimball Auditorium.

Miss Oshkosh and Miss Oshkosh’s Outstanding Teen are available for appearances such as community and charity events, parades and fairs, emcee and speaking engagements, school programs, fashion shows, and sporting and holiday events.

To request an appearance, or



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UW Oshkosh Student Breah Ostertag is crowned Miss Oshkosh.

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Four generations of skiing the Birkebeiner

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The Slumberland American Birkebeiner is more than just the largest cross-country ski race in America. The 55-kilometer race in Hayward, Wisconsin has become an event for friends and families of all ages to participate in.

This year, the Birkie Week ski events took place from Feb.

20-23. The event brings in about 40,000 participants from 22 countries and 49 states. Every day there are a number of events for people to participate in, including a “Barkie Birkie Skijor” that allows skiers to attach their dogs to them during the race.

Other events include the “Barnebirkie,” a non-competitive ski tour for ages 3 to 13, the “Junior Birkie” a competitive ski race for ages 6 through 18 and a

“Giant Ski” where six people on one giant pair of skis race to the finish line against other competitors.

The Slumberland American Birkebeiner has become an event for generations of families to attend.

Oshkosh alumna Leah Weakley has been participating in Birkebeiner races practically since she learned how to walk.

“I have done five full Birke-

beiner races, seven Kortelopets, and skied either the Barnebirkie or Junior Birkie every year until I was old enough to ski the Kortelopet starting at age two,” Weakley said.

Weakley fell in love with the Birkebeiner slopes when she was introduced to skiing by her grandmother.

“It all started with my grandma Judi,” Weakley said. “She took up skiing and my mom followed in her footsteps. Growing up, that’s all I knew. When snow came, we skied. Downhill and cross country. I was hooked from the start.”

Weakley’s grandmother, Judith Karshna, has been a faithful participant in Birkebeiner races. Karshna has skied 31 full Birkebeiner races and two Kortelopets.

She has received two awards for skiing Birkebeiner for 20 years and 30 years. She also received the Birkie Matriarch award for being the oldest woman to ski it.

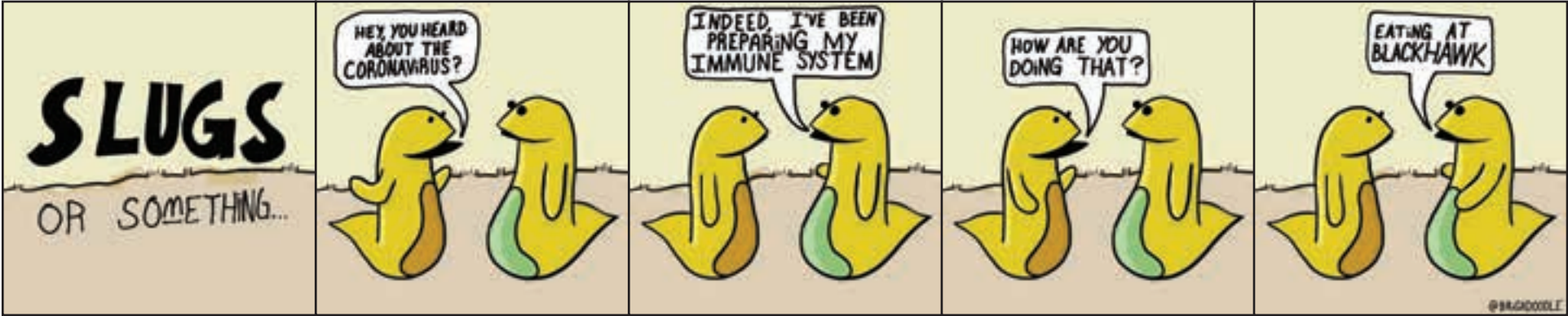
Along with her grandmother, Weakley’s mother and aunt have also participated in multiple Birkie races, and now her 3-year-old son has just skied in his first Barnebirkie.

“We call ourselves Team Sturdy Women,” Weakley said. “Four generations of strong women made up of my grandma, mom, aunt, myself and my son who is an honorary member. My grandma is amazing and this wouldn’t be possible without her. She is the strongest woman I know and is the reason we have the best family tradition.”



ABOVE: Four generations of skiers in the family. RIGHT: Weakley at her first Birkebeiner. MIDDLE: Weakley’s son Emerson at his first Birkie in 2020.

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UWO-Fox gallery a hit

The UWO-Fox Cities’ Alyward Gallery’s current exhibition features art by Andrew Linskens. Linsken’s large-scale, psychedelic paintings have a great volume of detail and color. The exhibition will remain at the Alyward Gallery through April 3.

UWO to host black tie event

Black and gold to raise scholarship funds

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An Evening of Black & Gold is an event opened to the public that raises scholarship money for students attending the UW Oshkosh.

It is a formal event that includes cocktails, dinner, entertainment, dancing and casino games.

The second annual Evening of Black & Gold will take place on March 28 at 5 p.m. in the Culver Family Welcome Center. Tickets are set at \$125 per person or \$1,500 for a corporate table. This year, the theme is the roar-

ing 20s. Lynn Kleman, interim associate vice chancellor of development and a coordinator of the event from the office of advancement, said she and contributors look forward to the second annual Evening of Black & Gold. “The event’s success would not be possible without the support of our alumni, faculty, staff and community friends who attend and our corporate sponsors, including presenting sponsor, Oshkosh Corporation,” Kleman said. “We thank them for their continued support and are excited to raise even more for student

scholarships in 2020.” According to the event’s release statement, “The No. 1 issue facing UWO students is their financial ability to attend college. Participation in the gala evening helps support this need.” Kleman also said that in its first year, the event raised over \$50,000 to assist in the area of student scholarships. “This year the goal for the event is \$100,000,” Kleman said. The money all goes towards the fund for recruitment based scholarships so the funds are directed toward incoming students. All reservations must be made by March 14. Go to uwosh.edu/go/black-andgold for more information or email Lynn Kleman at klemanl@uwosh.edu.



James Kies’ Key Picks

Hello! My name is James, resident music composition student and music lover! Starting off this week mellowly, Still Woozy brings us a dreamy song called “Lava.” You can easily hear his signature style in this track and I highly recommend listening to more of him. “11:11” by In This Moment is a chilling choral piece with an insanely talented vocalist providing the melody. In This Moment is a metal group which is why this track stands out from the rest of their work. Now into the world of psychedelic rock, Connan Mockasin’s “Forever Dolphin Love” is a near 11-minute piece that can only be described as art music. Next, we have Ramzoid’s new track “WHIP” which is a great song to bring us into spring and is best enjoyed with your windows down and volume up. \$uicide Boy\$ and Pouya make the list with “Runnin’ Thru The 7th With My Woadies,” a song about letting go of who you used to be and appreciating who you are now. Finally, “Bubblin” by Anderson .Paak is a great example of an artist using sampling to its full effect. Hope you enjoy!

Lava

Still Woozy
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11:11

In This Moment
Blood
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Forever Dolphin Love

Connan Mockasin
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Will a woman ever be president?

By Sophia Voight
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With the results of Super Tuesday causing Elizabeth Warren to suspend her presidential campaign, two men are left as the Democratic front-runners. Now the question is raised: will the United States ever have a female president?

The 2020 presidential election cycle started off with six strong women candidates, with a few looking to actually have a considerable shot at the Democratic nomination.

Warren, Amy Klobuchar, Kamala Harris, Kirsten Gillibrand, Marianne Williamson and Tulsi Gabbard presented a historic number of women vying for the presidency and giving hope to some that one may become our first female president.

Gabbard is still running her campaign but she will not be the president of the United States. She won't even be the Democratic nominee unless a miracle happens for her.

There will not be a female president this time around, and if anyone is looking for a woman to enter the Oval Office, they'll have to wait another four years if not many, many more.

This election also included the largest number of women to get into the Democratic debates, exemplifying the huge progress women are making in presidential races.

Prior to this election cycle, only two women had made it onto the televised presidential debates, Hillary Clinton in the 2008 and 2016 presidential election and Carly Fiorina in the 2016 election.

But Warren's decision to drop out of the presidential race has shown that America still has a long wait before a woman is head of state.

Warren started off her campaign with a lot of promise, ranking high in national polls and raising mil-



Graphic by Tatum Spevacek

lions in campaign funds, but she and the other women in the field slowly left the race.

What began as a diverse field of Democratic candidates has now reverted to the familiar race between two white men that we've seen almost every year before.

Plenty of women have been elected to other political positions in the country. Elected officials in federal, state and local governments still maintain a male majority, but there are far more women in other areas of politics than there has been in the presidency.

Then if it's the case that women have been able to make strides in other areas of government, why is it that women have not been able to win the presidency?

While Clinton may have outperformed Donald Trump in the 2016 election by winning the popular vote, that wasn't enough to win her the presidency with Trump's victory in the electoral college.

Even with Trump's blatantly expressed sexism during his cam-

paign, he was still chosen over a woman.

It's almost impossible to weigh all contributing factors to understand why a woman has never won the US presidency, but our country's deep-rooted misogyny has always prevented women from getting leadership roles and continues to keep women away from some of the most powerful roles there are.

Sexist arguments have kept women out of positions of power, with people citing perceived hormonal instability and lack of strength and intelligence as reasons for women to stay out of the White House.

However, the loss of a female Democratic nomination this year didn't solely come down to sexism. Warren and the other female candidates didn't run perfect campaigns, and Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders already had a significant advantage from name recognition alone.

That being said, sexism still played a role in the election be-

cause parts of America still don't view women as electable in presidential races.

With over two decades of political experience, Warren was just as qualified to become the president as her male running mates.

Warren gave her campaign far greater enthusiasm than the somewhat accurately dubbed "sleepy" Biden, and even though Sanders suffered a heart attack earlier in the race, he is still perceived by many to be a better candidate than Warren.

When asked about how gender affected the race after her announcement to drop out, Warren said, "If you say, 'yeah there was sexism in this race' everyone says 'whiner.' And if you say 'no, there was no sexism' about a bazillion women think, 'what planet do you live on?'"

With the prevalent sexism in this country, could America even handle a woman as head of state?

It was only a few months prior to the 2016 Presidential Election that the huge controversy over

having female Ghostbusters erupted.

If parts of this country couldn't even handle fictional female leaders, how would they have handled one in the Oval Office?

I'm not optimistic that a woman will win the US presidency in my lifetime. Women still face significant criticism and barriers of entry for leadership roles, and it seems that the most powerful position in the world will remain in the hands of men for years and years to come.

Even as more and more women get closer to the presidency, it appears that it will be a long time before any of them actually get to take it.

Back when Klobuchar was still in the race, she responded to a question about a woman's lack of electability in the 2020 presidential race by simply saying, "may the best woman win."

That won't be happening this year, but hopefully someday one will.

Pixar's 'Onward' an emotional masterpiece

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"Onward" is the latest film from the garlanded Pixar. Though many have awaited this tear jerker since its initial trailer, the main conversation of recent has been around its openly gay character, voiced by Lena Waithe. The very brief appearance by such a character has led to the film's banning in many middle-eastern countries. However, the main voice acting is led by Chris Pratt, Tom Holland, Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Octavia Spencer.

When Ian (Holland) finally turns sixteen, his mother hands down a gift from Ian and Barley's (Pratt) deceased father, which happens to be a wizard's staff. Ian and Barley embark on a brotherly quest to find a replacement jewel that will bring back their deceased father for just one day.

By the trailer alone, you get

the essence that this world is odd.

Initially, the film did appear to be paralleling Netflix's "Bright" with the fairy tale and modern elements clashing. However, once the film gets by the first act, it begins to really find its footing.

The director, Dan Scanlon, said he pulled from his own life to pour his heart into this project, and boy has he!

This animated pastiche of "The Lord of the Rings" and "Indiana Jones" is set in this fantastical world where magic and wonder has been replaced with the ease of technology and other things in life we all take for granted.

The film itself is very self-reflective of film and society today in that the wonder and awe of film that is rarely present anymore. Long gone are the days of a Steven Spielberg tear jerker or something that just makes you stop to have a look of wonder, as if you were 7 years old again. However, "Onward" has done

just that.

Very similar to that of "The Lord of the Rings" or "Indiana Jones," this film is not about the destination, but rather the journey and what the characters discover about themselves on said journey.

Ian finds that out through hardships of his own as he searches for what he lost, instead of looking beside himself at what he already has in the form of a sibling.

The script itself is that of the highest tier when it comes to Pixar. It does feel quite scatter-shot at first, but the ending ties all these loose elements together rather well and quite subtly.

The ending, I might add, is one of the least cynical, evocative and whole-hearted experiences I have had in several years. Every ounce of cynicism was drained from me as the final fifteen minutes or so was mostly wiping tears away to clear my glazed eyes.

It's also a film about what courage can do to those around you. Whilst Ian goes on this quest and discovers his own self-confidence, the people closest to Ian are impacted by his sense of courage as well.

Cleverly enough, this film accomplishes both the flat and positive arc through the character of Ian. He also has wants and needs in the film (the mark of a great character), and it's this very tight script that allows multiple things to be communicated on different levels of the film.

The score is also something to highlight because it's the very first thing you hear and it is very mystical and adventurous. Later on, the score also reflects a Moricone tone as if these two brothers were gunslingers walking together along the endless desert.

I had almost zero interest in seeing this film, but the film completely spun me around. I always say, a good children's film is not just meant for kids, but

rather to bring the kid out of you.

I found the film to be superb and easily falls into top-tier Pixar. It's an emotionally resonating film that takes the wallpaper of the hero's journey and adds its own personal touch to it.



“Whatcha Think?”

best places to study for midterms?



Jalen Greenlee, junior
“I like studying in Reeve by the fireplace or in the library.”



Maegan Merrill, senior
“It depends on my mood. During finals when I really need to concentrate I like the second or third floor of the library.”



Lexi Gryczka, freshman
“My favorite place to study is probably the library.”



Amarye Beamon, sophomore
“I’d say on the second floor of Reeve.”



Samantha Smith, sophomore
“The lounges on the resident halls because if you forget something you can go back to your room and really easily grab it.”

Student finds home in SOL

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My definition of the term “Latino” refers to a person considered part of an ethnic background that is Spanish speaking. Hispanic, Latinx, Chicano. Immigrant, naturalized or U.S. born. Black, white, brown, blended.

Being Latino can mean so many different things, rooted in about two dozen different places of origin. And though Latinos may have a language in common, there isn’t a singular voice or narrative for the Latino experience.

For me, I am considered to be Mexican-American, making me both Hispanic and Latino. In college, I did not feel entirely from Mexico or the U.S., but a mixture of both.

How can I be Mexican when I’m pressured to be more American or how can I be American if I am pressured to be more Mexican? For me, being Latino means living in two different worlds and how you view yourself.

Throughout my early years as a college student here at UW Oshkosh, I was very excited to further pursue my dreams of obtaining an education, becoming the first generation throughout my family to persuade myself into achieving my goals of obtaining my bachelor’s degree and later on further expand on obtaining a master’s degree later on.

As an introvert and a shy person, my mindset suggested that I would set a new goal. That I will persuade myself to meet and greet new friends around campus, knowing that my college years will be the best time of my entire life.



Courtesy of Brandon Huerta

However, as soon as I started to know my way around college, I noticed that there was little to

no diversity around campus, such that I was the only Latino student throughout most of my classes. In that way, my identity felt under-represented and I felt less interactive and motivated when

meeting new people. During the Taste of Oshkosh, though, I discovered the Student Organization of Latinos as an organization that promotes supporting students of Latino heritage and strives towards learning about Latino cultures throughout UW Oshkosh.

Not only did I join SOL for promoting my Latino heritage, but I also wanted to know more about the meaning of being Latino and get to know members who are Hispanic/Latino across campus.

Being born in the United States throughout my entire life has led me into an identity crisis, struggling on losing the culture and language of what it means to be a Latino.

SOL has brought me into the person I am today: open-minded, communicative to other people, motivated, responsible and finally able to help those in need. SOL also encouraged me to make new friends in the organization and allows me to hang out with them to have fun, rather than just study in college all day.

More importantly, helping other multicultural organizations such as the Asian Student Association, Hmong Student Union, Men of Distinction, Sisterhood, Inter-Tribal Student Institution and Black Student Union will not only help break that barrier of having a vast majority of the same ethnic or racial group in a specific club or organization, but also increase diversity and inclusivity among UW Oshkosh.

Without SOL, I would not be the same person I am today.

How to reduce stress during midterms

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As college students, it’s easy to become overwhelmed in just a matter of minutes. Going to class at sporadic hours of the day and working in between while managing other extra curricular activities can take a toll. Although stress seems to be on high alert when midterms come around, there’s always potential ways to help reduce it from becoming too much.

Take advantage of on-campus events.

The events are here for a reason, and that reason is you. Campus puts on numerous events for students to destress, to focus on other things for a while. A classic example is the therapy dogs that come to campus. Take advantage of this if you want to relax and pet some dogs! This event is usually huge during finals week.

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Classic exercise always helps reduce stress.

Although some people may not want to go to the gym, going on a walk can help prevent stress. Walking, biking or running during the spring weather change can not only be a stress relief from schoolwork but a way for you to do something productive outside of a building.

Treat yourself.

Whether this is getting yourself lunch before your final or surrounding yourself with friends, there are places located near campus that can be a short walk for a treat. Erbert and Gerberts, Mahoneys and Takiza Mexican Cuisine are places to grab a bite to eat.

Take breaks from studying.

Studying is not an activity you should do for hours on end. Take breaks in between studying for classes. This can be an hour long or 20 minutes, just take some time to walk away and decompress.

Prioritize and plan.

Although this can be difficult, plan ahead of time when you want to do certain things and stick to it. Planning a time and day to focus on certain classes or projects is a great way to reduce stress. Thinking of what you need to get done beforehand is always helpful. Create a list if needed and cross them off as you go.

Stress is normal but helping keep it from becoming overwhelming is necessary. Follow these tips and you’ll be able to survive midterms with ease.

Letter to the Editor

Get rid of hate and division online

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The nation we live in today is as divided as it has seen itself since the Civil War, and there are nameless catalysts for the division we experience as a nation in this day and age. It seems one cannot express an opinion without facing vicious attacks from those who disagree. Social media is an outstanding catalyst for hate and division.

As someone who has grown up in the age of modern technology, I have witnessed firsthand the seeming love of being divided and the hate spewed from those online. Being an avid football fan, I post often and reply to many tweets regarding the NFL and (now) XFL, and for some reason, middle-aged men find that in order to feed their love of hate, they can hide behind their screens and mock or berate college and high school-aged people.

We as a society, especially due to recent political chaos, have used our political beliefs as a reason to cut off relationships from formerly close friends and family members. In fact, a roommate of mine no longer has a close relationship with a friend from high school due to political differences.

It is a sad fact that instances like these happen all too often in this day and age. We, as Americans, have forgotten what it means to live in harmo-

ny and to love each other. The solution is not simple, but the principle is. In fact, they teach it in kindergarten.

The solution can be boiled down to simple terms — treat others as you want to be treated.

If we can act civil toward each other, we can overcome the lack of respect for others that the anonymity of the internet creates and put aside political division and see each other for what we are, fellow humans.

Sports

UWO enjoys ‘sweet’ victory after huge comeback

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UW Oshkosh has shown everyone that they are an absolute force to be reckoned with. The team defeated Edgewood College in the first round, a team with a 25-2 record prior to the match up, in a 61-40 blowout on March 6. Roughly 24 hours later, Oshkosh pulled off the comeback of the year in a 68-62 victory at Bethany Lutheran University to send the Cinderella team to the Sweet 16 round.

The Titans started their postseason off by taking a commanding 37-22 lead over Edgewood going into halftime. The team went 4-for-7 from behind the 3-point line and was beating Edgewood in total steals 4-1.

“I think it was a big confidence booster to be up by 15 points at half, especially since it was the first playoff game,” sophomore guard Katie Ludwig said.

Following the lopsided first half, Oshkosh kept their foot on the gas pedal. The team scored 18 points to Edgewood’s six in the third quarter to cancel out any possible chance of a comeback.

“After watching the film and talking with the coaches we knew Edgewood was going to be a good team, but we knew we could go at them in the post,” junior forward Nikki Arneson said. “Their guards

were very quick and pressured our guards quite a bit, so I knew I had to step up and post up more than I usually do.”

The Titans had 12 steals and forced Edgewood to turn the ball over 18 times compared to just 11 on their end.

This blowout win was led by Arneson, who had 21 points, and it propelled the team into a round of 32 match-up against Bethany Lutheran University on their home court.

After a picture perfect start against Bethany Lutheran, going up 15-6 in the first quarter while only allowing them to shoot 20% from the field, Oshkosh fell into a deep hole. Bethany Lutheran

rattled off 46 points in the next two quarters to take a 12 point lead going into the final ten minutes of the game.

“We got in a hole against Bethany Lutheran in the second half

because they were getting hot and going on a run,” Ludwig said. “We panicked a little and started forcing shots.”

With Oshkosh’s season on the line, they absolutely took off. After entering what could’ve been the final quarter of their season in a 52-40 deficit, the team went off on an 18 point scoring run. The Titans didn’t allow Bethany Lutheran a single point in the fourth until there was 3:23 left on the clock,

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Junior Leah Porath scored 16 points while shooting 5-for-7 from the field in the fourth quarter alone. Porath led the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in points per game (17.5) and was third in the conference in rebounds (6.7). UWO is the only W IAC team remaining in the tournament.

and by then, they were already up 58-52.

“I think what led to our success in the fourth quarter was our toughness and grit,” junior center Karsyn Rueth said. “To go on the run, we played with great chemistry and got Leah the shots she needed to help lead us past Bethany [Lutheran].”

Bethany Lutheran’s Kenlie Pytleski attempted to help her team claw back into the game when she drilled a three-pointer to make the

game 58-56 with 2:25 left, but junior guard Leah Porath quickly answered with a three of her own on the ensuing possession. Porath would go on to score eight of the team’s last nine points to seal the deal while putting up a game-high 27 points.

With the win, the Titans advance to their second consecutive Sweet 16 game. The team will take on Loras College in Holland, Mich. after falling to them by a score of 88-83 on Nov. 16.

“We have to continue to work hard in practice and push each other everyday so that when we play Loras next week we are prepared,” freshman guard Jenna Jorgensen said. “We are a much better team right now than we were at the beginning of the season.”

Loras is ranked No. 13 in the country by d3hoops.com after defeating UW-La Crosse 68-52 in the round of 32. Oshkosh and Loras will face off on March 13 with a tip-off time of 4 p.m.

Basketball suffers early playoff exit in heartbreaker

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The UW Oshkosh men’s basketball team lost to division-III North Central College in its second-round matchup on Sunday, ending its quest for a second straight D-III national championship.

It took overtime for the Cardinals to defeat UWO, but after holding a 15-point lead in the waning minutes of the first half, North Central came back and beat the Titans in overtime.

The Titans held an 11-point lead heading into halftime and at

that point, junior Eddie Muench was -4-4 from the 3-point line. He would only attempt one more 3-pointer during the rest of the contest.

Head coach Matt Lewis said the flow of the offense was part of the reason why Muench had such a strong half.

“Our focus the whole year has been to throw the ball inside,” Lewis said. “I think Eddie got it going and got some really good looks in the first half. Quite honestly, it probably loosened up Jack a little bit.”

The Titans led for a majority of

the second half but with two minutes remaining, North Central’s Blaise Meredith hit a 3-pointer to put the Cardinals up by three.

UWO got a pair of buckets from senior Jack Flynn and freshman Will Mahoney but North Central hit another three to go up by two with 15 seconds to play.

After a miss on the first attempt with four seconds remaining, Flynn collected an offensive board and put it back in to tie with two seconds remaining, sending the game into overtime.

North Central continued to get hotter as the game went on and went 3-4 from the field and 2-2 from the free-throw line in the first three minutes of overtime.

Senior Adam Fravert kept the Titans in the game during overtime with two jump shots and with 43 seconds to play, Mahoney sank two free throws to tie the game at 82.

After North Central’s Michael Pollack made a layup with three seconds to play, sophomore Eric Peterson missed a potentially game-winning heave as time expired.

Flynn led four Titans in double-digits with 23 points and 10

rebounds with six of those boards being on the offensive end.

Muench went 5-5 from beyond-the-arc to account for 15 points and freshman Levi Borchert also tallied 15 points for UWO.

Fravert, who was averaging 18.2 points per game this season, was held to just 12 points on 5-9 shooting.

Pollack averages 8.3 points per contest this season but torched the Titans as he dropped 17 points on 5-6 shooting from the 3-point line.

UWO’s bench was outscored by North Central 15-33 in large part due to Pollack’s scoring. Lewis said he was proud of the way Mahoney and fellow freshman Quinn Steckbauer played down the stretch.

“Our young guys played well,” Lewis said. “Levi did some good things and obviously he starts but Will made some big plays down the stretch including two really huge free throws. Quinn made a couple really nice moves in the first half.”

The senior class, including Flynn, Fravert, David Vlotho, Brian Wilman, Jason Price and Jake Zeitler, were part of one of the most successful teams in UWO

history.

Flynn reflected on his time at UWO, saying that his teammates will be the thing he remembers the most.

“I think when I look back at my four years of basketball, I think the thing I will take away is all the great teammates and coaches that I have had,” Flynn said. “I will think about the great bonds that I have forged with them and look back at the great memories we have shared together.”

The class was the second class in UWO history to make it to four consecutive NCAA tournaments behind last year’s graduating class. They also went 12-3 in the tournament which included two runs to the national title game last season and in 2018.

Lewis said the senior class came to the gym prepared to do whatever the coaching staff needed of them and that was a big reason for the group’s success.

“Some guys from early on in their career were playing and played all the way through. Some guys’ roles expanded or diminished a bit depending on what we asked. Not once did that senior group get frustrated. They just bought completely into what we’re about,” Lewis said.

Three starters including Muench, Borchert and Peterson are slated to return to the lineup next season.



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Senior Adam Fravert led all UW Oshkosh players with 18.6 points per game. Fravert, along with the rest of the team’s senior class, had four D-III playoff appearances, two national championship appearances, and one national championship title in their collegiate career.



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The UWO gymnastics team is hoping to keep their positive momentum going as they prepare to compete at the NCGA championship in Ithaca, New York on March 27.

UWO gymnastics is partying like it’s 1996

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The UW Oshkosh gymnastics team won their first league title since 1996, winning the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship in Eau Claire on March 7.

With the Titans’ first place finish, the team has qualified for the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association championship in Ithaca, New York, on March 27.

UWO’s victory in the WIAC Championship capped off a dominant season, as the Titans went 8-1 against WIAC opponents.

“When we heard our name called

first it was the most surreal moment,” senior Baylee Tkaczuk said. “This has been the best moment in all my four years so far. I still cannot believe this team brought back the title after 24 years.”

Tkaczuk has had a standout season for UWO; In addition to being named the 2020 WIAC Gymnastics Scholar-Athlete Award winner, she also finished second on uneven bars with a score of 9.675 at the WIAC Championship.

Despite a rough lead up to the WIAC Championship, Tkaczuk was able to turn her performance around when it came time to compete.

“My bar routine felt so great,”

Tkaczuk said. “I really didn’t care what I scored, I just wanted to hit it as best as I could in that moment for my team. Right when I landed, I knew I had done so. It felt amazing to have my teammates running to hug me after. I do not think I will ever forget that routine because I had struggled that week at practice and even in the warmup right before and I was able to turn it around and anchor our team with a solid routine.”

Other dominant Titan performances came from sophomore Emily Gilot, who won the vault event with a score of 9.725, and sophomore Rahdea Jarvis, who finished second on her floor exercise

with a score of 9.675.

Jarvis’s clutch performance was a big help in the Titans WIAC Championship victory, as UWO defeated second place UW-White-water by only .25 points.

“It felt really good to get a 9.675 on floor” Jarvis said. “It felt even better to place second with it. I was really happy with my routine and I couldn’t have asked for a better performance at the WIAC Championship.”

The Titans recorded a team score of 189.675, UWW came in second with a score of 189.425, followed by UW-La Crosse with a score of 189.350, UW-Stout with 186.925, Hamline Universi-

ty scored 184.925, Winona State scored 182.100, UW-Eau Claire scored 177.075 and Gustavus Adolphus finished last, with a score of 175.925.

Jarvis believes that consistency is the key to the Titans’ success at the upcoming NCGA Championship.

“I think to be successful at nationals we need to stay consistent in everything that we have been doing,” Jarvis said. “The hardest part of preparing will be the three weeks’ wait between now and nationals, but if we train smart then I think everything will work out how we want it to.”



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Titan baseball upsets ranked Denison University

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The UW Oshkosh baseball team compiled a 1-2 record over the weekend and now sport a 2-4 record this season after suffering losses to Berry College (Ga.) and Adrian College (Mich.) before winning in an upset over Denison University (Ohio).

The Titans opened the weekend with a 0-3 shutout loss against the hosting Berry College Vikings, a contest in which Vikings pitcher Ben Coker allowed only seven Oshkosh baserunners.

Freshman Matt Scherrman and junior Hunter Staniske recorded the only Titan hits of the contest, hitting a single and double respec-

tively, and junior pitcher Will Michalski allowing one earned run on six hits.

UWO then battled Adrian College, but ultimately came up short, losing 2-5 when the Bulldogs ran away with the game after the Titans’ left runners stranded on third base in both the sixth and seventh innings.

The Titans were out-hit three-to-eight in the contest, and despite the Titans stealing six bases, including two each by junior Benjamin Jung and sophomore Eric Modaff, the team ultimately fell short.

UWO baseball head coach Kevin Tomasiewicz said the team made too many mistakes against the Bulldogs, which kept them from winning the game.

“In the Adrian game, I was more disappointed in our execution of the little things in the game that nobody talks about,” Tomasiewicz said. “We missed signs, could not get bunts down and made a couple silly physical errors that cost us the game. I think we should have won that contest but Adrian did a better job of timely hitting and making the routine play every time.”

UWO went on to finish the weekend strong by upsetting nationally ranked Denison University in a 4-0 victory, as junior Ethan Weinandy allowed five hits en route to a complete game shutout.

The then 19th-ranked Big Red, according to D3baseball.com, allowed Jung to hit his first career home run in the top of the first in-

ning, which was followed by three runs scored in the third inning for the Titans after a two-run double by Staniske and a score from third base by Jung as a Denison catcher’s throw to first followed a strikeout.

Coach Tomasiewicz said that, while the team has room to grow, he was pleased with his team’s defensive efforts throughout the weekend.

“I was very happy with our pitching and defense this weekend,” Tomasiewicz said. “We made some fantastic plays defensively to keep us in games and give us a chance to win. We still need to find our offensive. We have faced some tough pitching these past two weekends and it

will not get any easier, so we need to make adjustments quickly.”

UWO baseball will next compete over the weekend when they travel to take on Otterbein University (Ohio) at 11 a.m. in Lexington, Kentucky on March 14 and Transylvania University (Ky.) at 2:15 p.m. on March 14 and again at 11 a.m. on March 15.

Coach Tomasiewicz said the opportunity this upcoming weekend will offer his team more experience as the season continues.

“It is just another chance for our players to get out and play,” Tomasiewicz said. “We are so young, we just need to play and play and play. Experience will be key for our growth.”