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UWO suspends face-to-face instruction

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Due to national concern for the spread of COVID-19, UW Oshkosh was forced to make a quick decision regarding the fate of the school and its students.

On March 12, Chancellor Andrew Leavitt announced major changes to day-to-day campus operations. In an email sent to the staff and student body of UWO, Leavitt disclosed the de-

tails.

“Today, I am announcing that all campus-based classes on our Fond du Lac, Fox Cities and Oshkosh campuses will be canceled for the week of March 16. We will begin delivery of courses through alternative delivery methods on Monday, March 30,” Leavitt wrote.

This extended UWO’s regularly-scheduled spring break by one week.

With Leavitt’s message came

many questions from students, some of which were answered in the following sections of the email.

For students living in the residence halls, Leavitt recommended that they return home to avoid large concentrations of people.

“We are asking students to return to their permanent residences after classes end Friday, March 13. Please take as many of your personal belongings with you as you can, particularly

essential items such as medications, coursework and computers/laptops,” Leavitt wrote.

Additionally, UWO made the decision to cancel all university-sponsored events immediately, which included all study abroad trips.

The university has continued to publish updates on their website regarding the progression of the virus, including information

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Gov. Evers ordered that all bars and restaurants close for dine-in service starting March 17.

Business responds to COVID-19

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Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers on Tuesday ordered a statewide ban on gatherings of more than 10 people starting March 17, and closed all bars and restaurants for dine-in service to limit the

spread of the coronavirus, also known as COVID-19.

“We are seeing community spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin, this means that there are people who have tested positive who have had no exposures to a known case, nor did they

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Faculty adapt to online classes

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UW Oshkosh is switching from face-to-face instruction to online instruction to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, forcing faculty and staff to implement new technologies and adapt their courses to a digital format.

Last week, the university announced that it was canceling face-to-face classes for the week of March 16 and switching to alternative delivery methods beginning on March 30.

The announcement has posed major challenges for faculty and staff, as instructors have been scrambling to convert their classes to the digital setting.

“The nature of these changes have charged faculty and staff with coming up with novel solu-

tions to make this situation work in a very short period of time,” UWO geology professor Joseph Peterson said of the transition.

But some classes are easier to adjust than others, as there’s already a lot of “hybrid teaching” at UWO, Chancellor Andrew Leavitt said at a press conference last week.

“We have some classes that just have no online analog and we’re going to simply have to work on those to figure out how to deliver them,” Leavitt said.

Lab classes are particularly difficult to deliver online because the whole point of having students complete lab work is to give them hands-on experience, according to chemistry department co-chair Brant Kedrowski.

Faculty and staff in the chemistry department are still con-

sidering their options and brainstorming about how to best move courses online, sharing ideas with each other and trying to develop “workable solutions,” he said.

“It will definitely be a different experience moving these courses online,” Kedrowski said. “Like everyone else, we are going to do the best we can to get through this difficult situation.”

The faculty in the chemistry department aren’t alone, as the radio/TV/film department is in a similar situation, according to RTF department chair Andrew Smock.

“Moving our production-oriented courses online presents a number of challenges,” he said.

With the suspension of in-person courses, Smock said the de-

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travel to a location where there is known community spread," Evers said in a media briefing on Tuesday. "Social distancing will help keep you and your family and our community from increased risk of exposure."

At the briefing, Evers also asked the state legislature to repeal Wisconsin's one week wait period for collecting unemployment.

The move comes after Illinois, Washington state, Ohio, New Jersey, New York and Connecticut have all closed bars and restaurants for dine-in eating, according to the Associated Press. Bars and restaurants in those states as well as Wisconsin are still permitted to serve carryout and delivery customers.

Prior to the order closing bars and restaurants, some local employers were taking other preventative measures.

Red's Pizza and Catering on Oregon Street had already canceled its Wednesday and Friday night buffets, and recommends that employees stay home if they're sick, according to manager Mary Leichtfuss.

"Basically, we are just reminding staff to use common sense," she said.

Planet Perk, a coffee shop in downtown Oshkosh, was also taking precautions to keep employees safe before Evers' order took effect, according to a March 12 Facebook post.

All staff members are wearing gloves at all times and changing gloves after handling money or changing work stations. Between those glove changes, employees are washing their hands.

Wipes had been placed next to the cash register so the screen can be cleaned between uses. Self-serve coffee and water dispensers were moved behind the



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Many stores, such as Walmart, had empty shelves where toilet paper once was stocked as people rushed to buy necessities.

counter.

Employees were also disinfecting all surfaces such as the back of chairs, door handles, counters and tables in 15-minute intervals. All bathrooms will be disinfected every 20 minutes.

Any employee who is experiencing symptoms or who is aware of exposure has been told not to come to work.

Planet Perk is also looking to set up delivery service through EatStreet, GrubHub or UberEats once they are satisfied they have the appropriate protocols in place," according to the post. The coffee shop does currently offer carryout options.

"All Planet Perk locations are safe and clean environments," the post read. "Our hope is that these additional steps will help mitigate any concerns you may have. We are also working with the Wisconsin Restaurant Association and the local Health Department to ensure that we are following the latest recommendations on best practices."

At the Hangar Bar and Grill

on 20th Avenue, employees are continuously washing surfaces such as table tops, bar counters, door handles, backs of chairs and bathroom stall doors with a disinfectant solution, according to owner Lisa Marshall.

Employees were already washing their hands regularly before the coronavirus, but now they're washing their hands even more, Marshall noted.

"Our hands are all dry from the washing continually and from the chemicals," she said.

If an employee shows symptoms of illness or anyone they live with is showing symptoms, they are asked not to come to work, Marshall added.

"We also would hope that if anyone is showing symptoms of illness that they don't venture out to any public place during this volatile time," she said.

She noted the Hangar is offering curbside delivery and carryout services.

Marshall said restaurants closing could be devastating for small business owners, but is ultimately necessary.

"Not going to lie, no business owner wants to have to close; it's gut wrenching to think about the consequences of that scenario and hard to think about what employees are going to do without being able to work," Marshall said. "We can all take the hit, get through it and move on. It's going to be ugly for everyone but we have to look at the long-term effects this is going to render locally and nationwide."

One small business in the area announced that it would be closing before Evers placed a ban, beginning on March 16 to stop the spread of COVID-19. In a Facebook post Monday, Mihm's Charcoal Grill in Menasha said it will be closed until further notice.

"This is a very difficult decision, but the health and safety of our customers and staff take precedence over everything during this uncertain time," the post read. "We hope you all will understand and will come and see us when we reopen."

OSA discusses UWO's response to the coronavirus

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OSHKOSH STUDENT ASSOCIATION

With classes being moved online, the Oshkosh Student Association's activities have mostly come to a stuttering halt.

OSA office manager Tyler Klaver said that all OSA meetings, activities and events have been canceled for the next few weeks, but events scheduled for late April and May are still scheduled as usual.

Harrison Collar, OSA chief of staff, said the OSA Open has been cancelled. The event had previously been scheduled for spring, rescheduled to fall, then rescheduled for spring and now postponed again due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

OSA elections for president, vice president and senators, which took place last week, have not been completely tallied yet, and no winner has been officially announced.

"The Election Commission still has to review the results," Klaver said in an email on March 15. "They, and our OSA advisers, are working to do this virtually. Once the commission reviews the results, a report will be sent to the

Senate for review and approval."

Klaver said that OSA hopes to have the election results published no later than the week of March 30.

If in-person instruction resumes this spring, OSA plans to continue as usual.

OSA Vice President Ian McDonald said that if he and Sydney Devitt, the only official slate that ran for the president and vice-president positions, are elected, the largest obstacle they'll face should classes remain suspended is recruiting students for senate and director positions on campus. "Whatever the circumstances, I'm confident in our ability to conquer any situation that comes [our] way," McDonald said in an email on March 15. "For us it's not about 'if' it's about 'how and when.'"

Prior to classes being suspended due to COVID-19, OSA met March 11 to discuss the university's response.

The OSA voted on an emergen-

cy resolution, voicing its support for actions taken by the administration amid the coronavirus pandemic. The resolution passed after being amended to include language that specified that the body approved of actions that were "beneficial" to UW Oshkosh students.

"I have faith in the chancellor and the [administration] that they'll make a well-informed decision that benefits students' safety and well-being, along with faculty and everybody else that works on our campus," Banfield said.

OSA Sen. Austin Hammond said that the resolution was written with the safety of students in mind.

"We wanted to write it to encourage the students at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh to take precautionary measures to keep healthy and to keep safe," Hammond said. "We wrote the resolution just with updates because it is being labeled as a pandemic on a global scale now."

He added it was imperative for the OSA to voice its support for the university because of the scale of the problem at hand.

"We as a student government

felt it was appropriate to rally behind our university as long as what they pass is something that is beneficial to the student body [and] that we support it as well," he said. "We just want students to know that the student government is working on their behalf."

All OSA executive board members emphasized the importance of following the directions of university, local, state and federal officials.

"The university has been very proactive in regards to this pandemic," Banfield said. "I would also encourage students to closely follow the news during this time and be [wary] of misinformation and false reporting."

Klaver said over email that it's important for students to do their part to stay up to date on the updates the university sends as the situation surrounds the COVID-19.

"Students should pay attention to their emails; I cannot stress that enough," Klaver said. "We, along with all other university staff and faculty across campus, are reassessing these situations regularly and will have updates for students throughout the coming days."



Marissa Chamberlin / Advance-Titan

After announcements were made by the UW Oshkosh administration regarding the coronavirus outbreak, campus buildings are nearly empty of students.

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for its staff.

In a note to UWO’s employees, Leavitt was sensitive to those with children impacted by the state-ordered K-12 school closures.

“As the number of positive cases of COVID-19 increase in the state, some school districts in our region closed after classes ended on Friday and many others are ending instruction Monday. We understand these

decisions will affect our many employees with K-12 students or children in local childcare centers. We also respect that many parents have begun to keep their children home from school and daycare due to their concerns about the spread of COVID-19,” Leavitt wrote.

UWO has also been conscious of the possible racial bias that some students may face based on the spread of misinformation. In a notice published on the website, the university was de-

liberate with a warning against racism.

“COVID-19 is not connected to any particular ethnicity or race. Racist behaviors or stereotyping are not acceptable at UW Oshkosh. If you experience harassment or discrimination, please file a bias incident report,” the message said.

As stated by Leavitt in his original email to the university, professors are expected to move to an online format to eliminate face-to-face contact until further

notice. The university will notify its staff and students five days prior if they determine that it is safe to return.

The university is continuing to evaluate COVID-19 and will continue to publish updates on their COVID-19 dedicated page linked to the banner on the university’s home page.

In the note to UWO’s faculty, Leavitt left his employees with a hopeful message:

“This is a challenging time for all of us,” Leavitt wrote. “I

have seen us join together over the past weeks to develop our response to COVID-19 and implement plans that keep the health and safety of our three campus communities at the heart of every decision.

“Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our plans and helped us develop the processes needed to navigate a rapidly changing environment. Continue to take care of yourselves. And continue to offer support and care for one another.”

160 businesses attend Career Fair on the Fox

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Earlier this month, UW Oshkosh hosted the Career Fair on the Fox, one of the largest job search events in the Fox Valley with nearly 160 businesses attending.

Career Adviser Chelsy Cegielski said that most businesses at this event were filling positions for summer help.

“When we look at employers who come to a college career fair and are recruiting college talent for the summer, a lot of what they do in the spring career fair is look for last-minute summer internships and jobs,” she said. “This is name recognition. This is branding for the employers. A few positions might still be available, but by and large, fall is where you’re going to see the positions posted.”

Cegielski said the UWO career fairs are open to everyone, but employers, in general, are looking for students who are not only professional, but who also have solid communication skills.

“The reality is when we look at skills, they want individuals who have strong attention to detail, strong communication skills

[and who can] take initiative,” she said. “Part of coming to a career fair is taking that initiative.”

She said new employers always attend the UWO career fairs, which are held each spring and fall.

“It’s always interesting when I look at this list; there’s probably 25 [employers] at least that I’ve never seen here,” Cegielski said before the March 4 event. “We always bring in that new cycle of employers that are looking for talent. That’s a win-win for everybody.”

In conjunction with the Career and Professional Development Department on campus, UW Oshkosh holds numerous events during the school year inviting businesses to connect with the school’s students.

With the university campuses closed this week due to the coronavirus and courses being delivered through alternative methods beginning on March 30, it isn’t too late for students who still need help finding summer jobs or internships.

Chrissy Lambie, Career and Professional Development marketing manager, said some advisers will be available in person, but all advisers will have



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UW Oshkosh hosts the Career Fair on the Fox, one of the largest job search events in the Fox Valley.

some availability to meet with students via phone or video chat.

“When a student schedules an appointment in Handshake they will need to indicate how they would like to connect with the adviser and provide the details for us to reach them,” she said. “Appointment blocks in Handshake will indicate if an adviser is only available for phone or video appointments.”

Lambie said resumes submitted to Vmock and Handshake will continue to be reviewed, and Career and Professional Development will also review for resumes or LinkedIn profiles virtually.

The Career Closet will still be available as long as the office is still open, she said.

“Advisers will all be available via email if students have any

questions or concerns,” Lambie said. “They are also working with faculty to provide resources or recorded presentations where class visits had been scheduled.”

The Career and Professional Development Department will continue to operate, and students can schedule appointments with advisers by self-scheduling in Handshake or by calling 920-424-2181.



There's no denying that the courses will be different, that assignments will have to be reworked and in some cases replaced.

- Andrew Smock,
RTF department chair

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Chancellor Andrew Leavitt's announcement that in-person classes would be replaced with online classes in response to the coronavirus has left lecture pits empty and professors scrambling to adapt their courses to a digital format.

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partment had to suspend checking out production equipment and the use of production and post-production facilities.

Smock added that he's been meeting with RTF faculty members to discuss different approaches to ensure "core learning objectives of courses — whether production-based or not — are still met in the online environment."

Courses will be different; they won't be exactly what students signed up for — or what instructors originally envisioned, Smock added.

"There's no denying that the courses will be different, that assignments will have to be reworked and in some cases replaced, that the student experience will be different," Smock said. "However, we're all committed to finding solutions that will allow our students to complete their courses in a meaningful way."

The nursing program is also working to adapt its curriculum to an online setting, according to Bonnie Nickasch, associate

professor and director of the Post-Licensure Program.

Nickasch said the nursing program has a lot of opportunities because students near graduation have already gone through all of the major hands-on courses, and are now gaining clinical experience with an outside firm.

Clinical programs are not considered on-campus programs, so they will continue the week of March 16. If an agency where students have clinicals the week of March 16 is still accepting students, the clinical experience will take place as normal, according to UWO's COVID-19 webpage.

For nursing students earlier in the curriculum, the nursing department plans to use "some kinds of virtual simulation" and other online learning tools, Nickasch said.

Faculty aren't the only ones working to adapt, as students are also worried about the change to online classes.

Kayla Baumann, a senior nursing student, said virtual labs can't compare to in-person labs.

"Some of the skills like inserting IVs and putting catheters

in, you can't really get the same experience from watching a video," Baumann said.

Laura Smolinski, UWO Assistant Director of Traditional BSN Program, said the College of Nursing has been providing online education for over 17 years.

"We have Collaborate, which is sort of a FERPA-compliant Skype, we can have real-time conversations with students, hold virtual office hours, answer questions, chat, case studies, discussions, etc.," Smolinski said. "For exams, we have ExamSoft and Proctor-U capability so we can facilitate students taking secure online exams anywhere."

The switch to online classes will require instructors to diligently engage students, as it's much more difficult to determine if students are understanding the material, Smolinski said.

"Asking discussion questions, sending routine emails, putting frequent announcements up on Canvas, Skyping or Facetimeing students will help with this," she said.

For lectures, professors have the option to deliver them synchronously, meaning live to their

class digitally, or asynchronously, not live, according to UWO's COVID-19 website.

Synchronous classes must be delivered at the same time as the class was originally scheduled.

One piece of software being used within Canvas is Collaborate Ultra. It allows professors to gather together as a class during regularly scheduled class time.

Through the platform, students can chat with their instructor in real time, ask questions and react to topics.

Peterson has taught online before, and said that it varies drastically from teaching in person.

"Having taught online classes for over ten years and teaching in the classroom for over 15 years, I can attest that online classes and traditional classroom settings are very different in terms of organization, content delivery and expectations," Peterson said. "Switching from one to the other unexpectedly is definitely going to pose a challenge."

Peterson said this transition is bound to have an effect on students' learning.

"Faculty and staff are working together to make the best of

the situation and are trying to be as accommodating to students' needs as possible," Peterson said.

Although the transition is challenging, Peterson said students and faculty will work together in order to make the best of a difficult situation.

"Personally, I sincerely appreciate the patience and understanding of the students during this transition," Peterson said. "I know that I can personally relate to this frustration regarding the sudden changes we have to make, but in this case, we are all in this together."

While the transition won't be painless for everyone, economics department chair Chad Cotti said it's a necessary response to a global health crisis.

"Many instructors, students, friends and family will get sick, and some in higher-risk groups will die from this pathogen," Cotti said. "Learning in the midst of such tragedy will be very challenging and require a great deal of understanding from everyone."

Student veteran adjusts to everyday life

Logan Collison shares his story

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Students who have enlisted and graduated from Basic Combat Training in the United States Army can be called upon to serve as soldiers in whatever country they are needed.

Every year, college students enroll in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps looking to learn the military and leadership skills

for United States Military enlistment.

Logan Collison, a student attending UW Oshkosh, was a member of ROTC and was looking to pursue a military career.

After his enlistment to the United States military and his graduation from Basic Training, he went on to begin his second year of schooling.

Collison shortly found out that he would be removed from

school and deployed to Afghanistan.

Collison says that the transition from school to deployment happened very quickly for him, and the mental struggle was tough.

"It was a quick shift and pretty hard on me mentally and emotionally," he said of the adjustment.

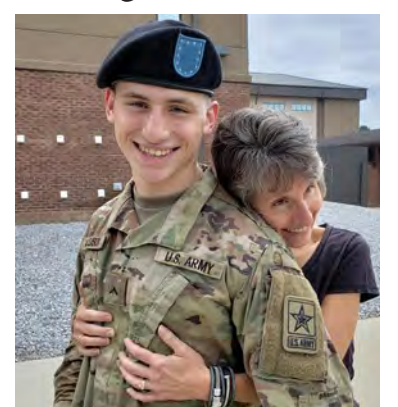
Collison says his deployment set his schooling and academics back a lot.

After being gone for around

400 days, Collison says he was looking forward to continuing his schooling, regardless of the difficult transition.

"The first week was a pretty rough transition. It took a lot of mental power and focus to not feel overwhelmed," he said.

After a bit of stress to adjust to the new school year, Collison finds himself doing better and feeling happier now that he is back with his friends and back to learning.



Courtesy of the Collison family
Logan Collison recently returned from Afghanistan.



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Students struggle to fight boredom while social distancing in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Stay entertained while social distancing

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The rapid spread of COVID-19, otherwise known as the coronavirus, has put a temporary hold on business as usual in America. Most, if not all, UW school systems have extended their spring break by at least a week and are making the move to on-line classes as we try to tackle this virus. UW Oshkosh is one of these schools.

This decision comes with the idea of social distancing as an attempt to limit the spread of this disease.

Many people are referring to this as “quarantining” themselves. Regardless of what you want to call it, sitting at home all day can get old very quick.

Here’s some things to do to stay busy and entertained all while avoiding going outside.

Clean up, wipe down, sanitize

There’s no time better than now to clean, sanitize and organize wherever you’re staying during the quarantine.

Whether your personal space is confined to a room or dorm,

or you have your own apartment, you should take this opportunity.

Although cleaning might not be fun to some, it is a great way to pass time.

Throw on a nice playlist to make it a little more enjoyable.

Make it a group effort and involve roommates or family.

Make sure you sanitize heavy traffic areas like doorknobs, handles, TV remotes, laptop screens and keyboards.

Don’t forget your phone screen as well.

When you’re done, not only will you get to experience that amazing feeling of being in a clean space but you’ll also have peace of mind knowing that you’ve done your part in trying to lessen the spread of the virus.

Start a new show

You may think that you have watched every show on Netflix, but obviously you haven’t.

Because of an algorithm, streaming services only show you a select few shows and categories that they believe you will enjoy watching.

Step outside of your comfort zone and start a new show that

you normally wouldn’t.

If you’re used to comedy, try watching a mystery.

If you like documentaries, go for a sitcom.

Streaming services usually have series originals that they produce through the company, ranging through the genres, that would be great choices to get invested in.

With school responsibilities on hold until March 30, now is the perfect time to binge something new.

Read a book

Let’s be honest, leisurely reading is an opportunity that we rarely get to enjoy.

After reading chapters upon chapters of assigned textbook readings, reading more words might be the last thing on your mind.

What better time to pick up that Barnes and Noble book you bought last year that’s been sitting on your desk ever since.

Or better yet, order that book that you’ve been thinking about reading and get to it.

If you don’t want to wait for your book to arrive in the mail,

purchase an electronic book and read it right from your phone or iPad.

For some people, it might be difficult to sit down and actually read a book, but there’s always the option to listen to the book instead of reading it yourself.

Grab some snacks, your favorite drink, find the comfiest place you can think of and crack open that book.

Pick up that old hobby

You know that thing that you used to love to do before the responsibilities of being an adult took over everything in your life?

That old hobby that used to bring you pleasure?

Now is the best time to pick it back up.

With the newfound free time that the social distancing brings, you could not only go back to your roots but improve on your craft.

Practice some makeup looks that you normally wouldn’t do, pick up that pen and get back to writing poems, set up that canvas and start painting again.

Dig that old instrument that you used to play in highschool out of storage and start practicing again.

Do whatever it is that will bring you some joy and comfort in this time of stress and chaos.

Create some content

Okay, if you’re like me, you thought TikTok was a cringy app for high school kids to make weird videos on.

But if you’re like millions of other users, TikTok can be a very entertaining app, and when you’re bored at home anything is possible.

At some point you’re gonna get tired of scrolling through the app for hours so you might as well just start creating content.

As we’ve seen before, all it takes is one video to make you viral.

If TikTok isn’t your app of choice there’s plenty of other apps for you to upload your silly videos to. Try Triller, Snapchat or Instagram.

You and whoever you’re quarantined with can team up and make some viral hits.

When boredom strikes, creativity is almost guaranteed to prevail.

Who knows? You might come out of this quarantine as a TikTok celebrity.

Rearrange your space

Take the time to map out and design how you want your space to look.

Rearranging your area, whether it be your room or just your desk, can make you feel refreshed and motivated.

Find ways to open up space within your area to give it a better feel.

Even something as simple as moving your bed from one wall to another can help improve your space.

Find old trinkets and knick knacks in your area and give them a new purpose.

Do small DIY projects within your home to add flair to your space. YouTube videos are a great source of inspiration for rearranging your room and finding ways to add to your space.

Take care of yourself

Most importantly, take care of yourself and your surroundings.

Although this virus might not be a “big deal” for younger ages, it is still a nasty cold that takes you off your feet for a short amount of time.

Stay safe, stay indoors and stay healthy.

You might think that that errand that you have to run is absolutely important, but nothing is more important than your health.

If you’re feeling sick, go to the hospital to get tested and stay away from other crowded public areas.

It may not be life threatening for you but it could be for someone else.

At times like these we need to be more empathetic and caring to those around us.

And if you’re hoarding toilet paper, try to donate it or make sure your neighbors or friends have a roll or two for themselves.

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Sports

Oshkosh native ranked as top ten NBA prospect

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Oshkosh native Tyrese Haliburton, who is currently the point guard of the Iowa State University basketball team, is being projected as the seventh overall pick in the 2020 NBA draft by CBS Sports.

Although Haliburton is largely considered a top NBA draft pick, few but Haliburton himself could have foreseen his success.

According to Jonathan Tjarks of The Ringer, Tyrese was only a three-star recruit coming out of high school. The only schools from major conferences that recruited Haliburton besides ISU were Minnesota, Nebraska and Cincinnati.

“He’s actually always been the underdog,” Tyrese’s mother Brenda Haliburton said. “He will probably continue to be only because he’s never been the scorer; that stuff has never been important to him. I’ve always just supported him and told him to be true to who he is.”

It didn’t take long for Haliburton to defy expectations; in only his 10th game as a Cyclone, Haliburton broke ISU’s single game assist record by recording 17.

“At this point I don’t really think I’m much of a secret anymore,” Tyrese Haliburton said. “I feel like if people haven’t woken up by now they will very soon. I’ve always been doubted my whole life, but it’s not a bad thing, that’s just how my journey is.”

On Feb. 8, Haliburton’s journey took another turn as he suffered a left wrist fracture, ending his season.

However, Haliburton has found ways to remain positive while he is unable to compete on the court.

“Having to sit there and watch practices, it’s frustrating,” Tyrese said. “But at the same time I’ve found a new love for the game. I

fell in love with film study, and I have a different view of the game, so that definitely helps.”

Haliburton is eligible to enter the 2020 NBA draft, but has yet to make a decision if he will enter it, or return for his junior year at ISU.

“When that time comes at the end of the season we’ll talk about it,” Tyrese said. “But for now I haven’t really put much thought into it.”

Although it took the rest of the country a little longer to recognize Haliburton’s talent, the Oshkosh community has believed in Tyrese since he was playing for the Oshkosh North High School basketball team.

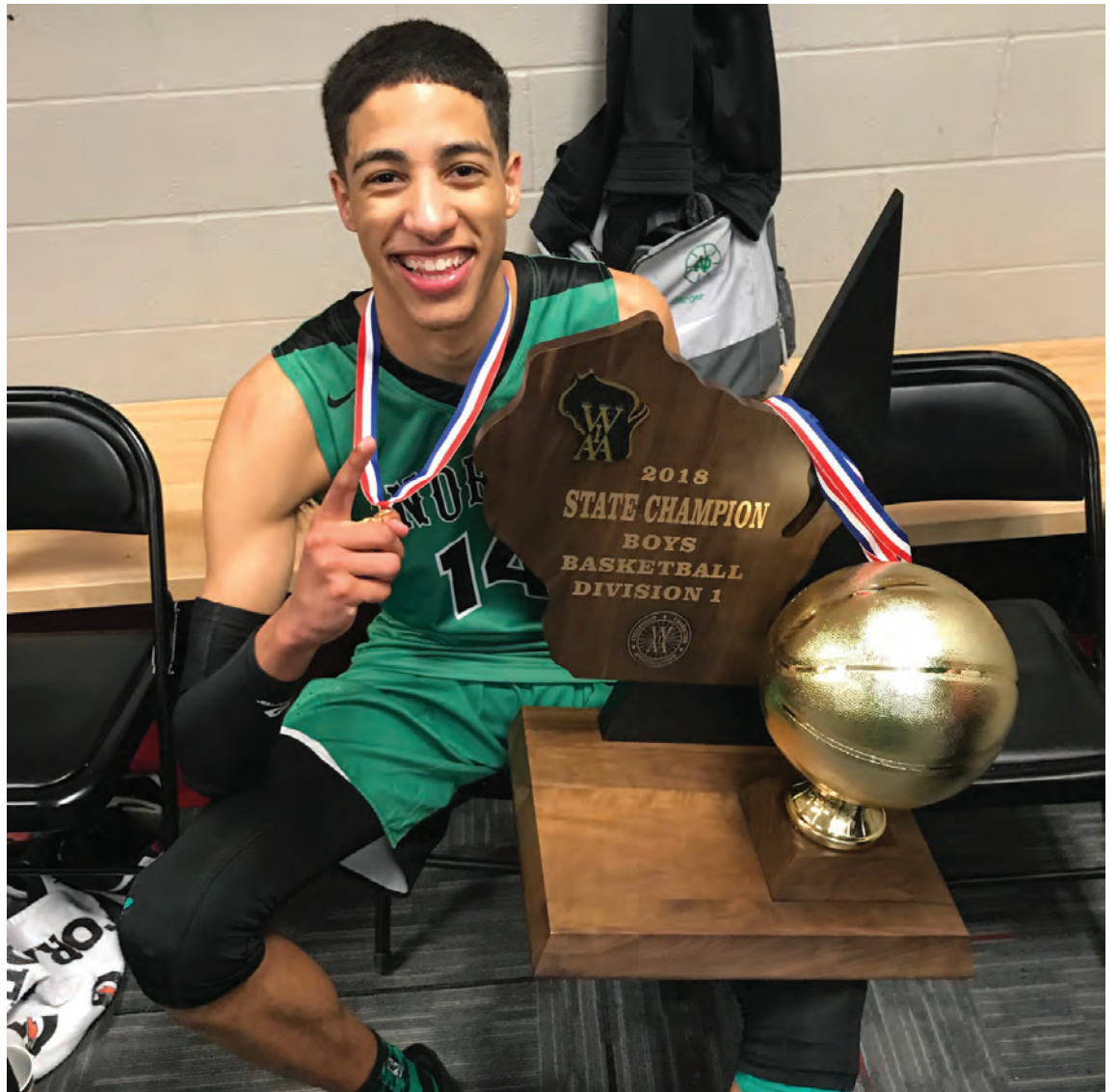
Haliburton said he still looks back on his time as a Spartan, especially their 2018 state championship, fondly, and that he still is close with his Oshkosh teammates.

“That feeling was unmatched,” Tyrese said. “Everything from the final buzzer going off to the little party we had at the hotel, I feel those are memories I’ll never forget. But outside of the state championship, I’d probably say the bond, the practices, the friendships I’ve made with those guys. I stay in touch with almost everybody from that time so it definitely brought us close, and it’s something I’ll never be able to forget.”

The connections and traditions Haliburton made with his high school teammates still carry through to his collegiate career.

“Pregame, a lot of guys like to listen to a bunch of hype hip-hop and stuff,” Tyrese said. “Which, I do, but probably my favorite pregame song is ‘Come Thru’ by Drake; it’s like an R&B song. In high school, me and Gout Deng and Lovell Washington, we used to drive back from team meetings before games and blast that song, so it just has a memory for me and that’s been my pregame song ever since.”

Brenda said the support for



Courtesy of Brenda Haliburton

Haliburton still stays in contact with his Oshkosh North teammates from their 2018 state championship.

Tyrese from the Oshkosh community has been great.

“Everywhere you go now you see Iowa State stuff,” Brenda said. “That wasn’t the case before.”

As a Division I college athlete, Tyrese has gained inspiration from some of his favorite pros in the NBA.

“For me, [Lebron’s] been the greatest player I’ve ever witnessed,” Tyrese said. “And then being the point guard I appreciate a lot of the greats that I watch play. Chris Paul, I think he’s probably

the best point guard I’ve been able to watch. Steph, Kyrie, I always appreciate what the guys do at that position, because I know what it’s like to be the point.”

Tyrese takes the responsibility of his position of point guard seriously, he believes a good relationship with his teammates is essential to on court success.

“Being the point guard I feel like I have to have a good relationship with everybody,” Tyrese said. “I feel like I’m really close with everybody.”

Whether Tyrese decides to enter the 2020 NBA draft or return to ISU, he plans to play with the same approach he always brings to the court.

“Versatile,” Tyrese said. “I feel like I can do a lot of everything, I can play multiple positions, I can guard multiple positions. Fun, I’m always having fun when I play basketball, I try to make it as fun as possible, I put my own flare to it. Tenacious, I just think I’m going to play hard 24/7, try not to take plays off.”

College sports suspended due to COVID-19 fears

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The Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference announced on March 16 that the spring sport seasons would be canceled due to the spread of COVID-19. The UWO women’s basketball post-season, as well as the gymnastics and indoor track national competition, were also canceled.

Fears over the spread of COVID-19 cut the UWO women’s basketball team’s Cinderella season short.

Prior to the NCAA canceling all

postseason basketball tournaments for the 2020 season, the UWO women’s basketball team was on a six-game win streak, and had advanced to the ‘sweet sixteen’ of the NCAA Division III championship tournament.

UWO women’s basketball head coach Brad Fischer took to Twitter to voice his sadness for his team and especially his seniors.

“After watching our team, and specifically our seniors, fight for the last month to keep their season/careers alive, it was heartbreaking to tell them it was over in a hotel room,” the post said. “This may

not have been our best team ever, but it was our gutsiest.”

The UWO gymnastics team had won their first league title in 24 years, but will be unable to compete for the national title, as the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association championship was canceled on March 12.

COVID-19 also led to the cancellation of the indoor track and field nationals, where 24 Titans had qualified to compete.

Junior Matt Wilke will also be unable to dive at the national level, as the NCAA canceled the D-III swim and dive championship.

In a statement made on their website, the NCAA said it did not want to escalate the spread of the virus and would not be able to figure out the logistics of rescheduling tournaments and events.

“This decision is based on the evolving COVID-19 public health threat, our ability to ensure the events do not contribute to spread of the pandemic, and the impracticality of hosting such events at any time during this academic year given ongoing decisions by other entities,” the statement said.

The WIAC’s spring sport cancellation will end the UWO track

and field, baseball and softball seasons.

Professional and collegiate sporting events all over the country have been halted in the wake of the virus. The NBA postponed its season for at least 30 days and MLB has pushed back its starting date.

As of March 17, the Center for Disease Control reported 4,226 cases of Coronavirus in the U.S. as well as 75 deaths.

The Winnebago County Health Department reported three confirmed cases of Coronavirus on March 16.



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Courtesy of UWO Flickr

Students were advised to evacuate all residence halls after classes on March 12 and told to return home to help limit the spread of the highly contagious coronavirus.

Residence hall evacuations warrant refunds

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As all classes have been moved online and students have evacuated campus due to the coronavirus outbreak, students are losing out on the resources and amenities they paid for.

Chancellor Andrew Leavitt announced last week in a university-wide email that students in the residence halls should evacuate with as many of their personal belongings as they can take with them.

Evacuated students are now left with unoccupied rooms and unused meals that they already paid thousands of dollars for.

Students who cannot return home are allowed to remain in

the residence halls and get meals from Blackhawk Commons, but for students who have left campus, their money is effectively useless to them.

Since most students have left campus and will not be able to use their meal plans and stay in their dorms, UWO should refund some room and board costs to the students who returned home.

With the number of cases in Wisconsin steadily increasing, the university made the correct decision in sending us home and suspending classes in the midst of this highly contagious outbreak.

Since the virus is spread mainly between people who are in close contact, it would have been irrational and dangerous to keep students in close quarters on cam-

pus and in dorms.

But it is unfair to make students pay for services that they won't, or even can't, use.

Harvard, Ohio State, Brown University and other universities across the country that evacuated students are offering prorated refunds to their students for room and board. As of writing, UWO has not made any announcements as to whether they are considering any form of refunds to students.

Residence hall room rates and meal plans are expensive. Room rates start at \$2,240 a semester for a standard shared room and go as high as \$3,390 a semester for a private bedroom suite in Horizon Village, while meal plans range from \$1,025 to \$1,850 a semester.

Now that students won't be around to use their meal plans and stay in their dorms, that is a lot of wasted money.

Students who have left campus should be given a portion of their housing and dining fees back.

Some students spent thousands of dollars that were supposed to be for their housing and dining this semester and because of campus closing, that money has been wasted.

Housing that has been turned into empty rooms or storage spaces until further notice and food that has been turned into unavailable meals.

It would be unfair to have students pay for something they cannot get access to.

It is important that the univer-

sity took measures to ensure the safety of its students by moving to online classes and asking students in the dorms to go home, keeping all students in the residence halls and having all dining areas remain open would have been reckless.

But now that the decision has been made to remove students from the dorms, it makes no sense to keep students' room and board and meal plan money when they won't be able to use it.

If the semester has to be finished online and students are not able to return to living in their residence halls, they deserve to be refunded a portion of their housing and dining fees.

Film leaves eyes 'Bloodshot'

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"Bloodshot" is Sony's latest pathetic attempt at jump-starting a new cinematic universe. Originally, the film was to feature Jared Leto in the lead role, but we somehow ended up with Vin Diesel, who is either mumbling or yelling. It was directed by a first-time feature director David S. F. Wilson, who Sony could just boss around.

In a futuristic and crime-ridden Detroit, a terminally wounded cop returns to the force as a cyborg with no memory of his past. Now known to the public as "RoboCop," he seeks revenge on the people responsible for his tragic present.

It's just "RoboCop." This film is just a watered-down, less intelligent, and another forgettable attempt at doing "RoboCop." Because of Vin Diesel, it's also very apparent that Sony is using the "Bloodshot" intellectual property to cash in.

"Bloodshot" is actually reminiscent of 2017's "The Mummy," where a studio decides to start a cinematic universe with a big-name star before having made one decent film in said universe;

they're so concerned with making the most globally-appealing film that the result is a blunt and rather boring movie. If Sony was actually serious about making a quality "Bloodshot" film, Vin Diesel would not be in this film. However, Sony knows that Vin Diesel has the key to the international market (mainly China), but that all blew back in Sony's face because of the global pandemic.

It should be noted that wholly original ideas rarely exist in films today. It is said that there are only seven plots in existence, but it's all about how you use and execute said plots.

However, "Bloodshot" offers nothing innovative or new on top of an all-too-familiar plot. But as a standalone film, completely dissociated with "RoboCop," it's the usual mind-numbing, punchy-smashy film where all conflict is solved with zero wit or intelligence, but rather by brute force.

In the film "RoboCop," Alex Murphy (RoboCop) has no memory of his life before the cyborg suit, but he also has physical and emotional barriers to overcome throughout the film. "RoboCop" also has charm, wit, satire, style and fun. Even when comparing "Bloodshot" to the majority of

X-Men films, Logan is always in constant pain physically and emotionally and you can tell how weathered and tortured he is.

"Bloodshot" just has an indestructible man who can't be killed and shows no emotion beyond yelling viciously at people.

This film is more concerned with lighting a tunnel up with flares for no reason so that a computer-generated Vin Diesel can punch things in slow motion, solely to be featured in the trailer.

It should also be noted that in said trailer, the film's biggest plot points and twists are revealed. So there is no real reason to see the film at this point because there is nothing in the film that's not featured in the trailer is worth seeing other than another mumbling performance from Vin Diesel whose eyes are half shut throughout the entire film.

It's also the kind of film where all of the enemies are set to the easiest setting like a video game, you sit and watch Vin Diesel be a perfect character who never gets beaten or even punched for that matter. Those kinds of characters are not interesting because they have nothing to overcome.

Bloodshot can do anything because some magic nanobots just



allow him to somehow. "Bloodshot" is just beat-for-beat "RoboCop" minus all the charm, wit,

fun, satire, intelligence and nuance.

Little Debbie vs. Hostess

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If America had a backbone, it would be made out of individually packaged cake snacks.

Unless you grew up in a household where some self-righteous figure regularly lapsed into refrains of “I’m not feeding my kids that crap,” or where organic foods were the norm before it was a trend, odds are you have some experience with such cake-based snacks as will be reviewed below.

Here, I’ll be reviewing four pastry snacks: two from Hostess, and their respective counterparts from Little Debbie. My observations were based on the following criteria: the taste and quality of the cake’s body, the frosting’s taste and quality, and the creme interiors.

One thing you must understand, if you’re to go any further with this reading, is that the term ‘moist’ is going to be used quite a lot. It’s my understanding that particular word makes some folks rather queasy, but for a discussion of cakes, it’s absolutely essential. And frankly, “wetness” or anything else is just as unappetizing. We can get through this together, dear reader.

Little Debbie’s Creme-Filled Chocolate Cupcakes

The quality of the cake body on this is really rather impressive for a prepackaged cake snack. The moisture and density of the cake make for what is a surprisingly rich taste.

The pastry is dense, far different from a Zebra Cake or something with what I’d call a light, or airy quality to the cake.

The taste of the Little Debbie cupcake is nothing spectacular, or out of the ordinary, but it certainly isn’t the worst. For a prepackaged cake snack, it’s good.

Little Debbie’s cupcake’s frosting is one of its strongest qualities. It’s not excessive; in fact, it sits right in the Goldilocks zone of being just the right amount for the pastry. Any more and it would distract from the cake, and less and

it wouldn’t enhance the cake’s flavor.

I would describe the frosting as more of a “true chocolate” flavor, like that of a chocolate candy, rather than something chocolate flavored. The frosting, like the cake, has a very rich, smooth mouthfeel, and is what brings this pastry from a middling, average snack-cake, to a slightly-above-middling snack-cake.

The interior creme is really the Little Debbie cupcake’s bane. I have no doubt it’s a great feat of engineering to commercially manufacture such delicate pastries, but for a company of this size and caliber, I was surprised at how underwhelming the interior creme was. For each pastry, there is about one bite’s worth of creme, if that, which simply leaves too much cake.

The Little Debbie Creme Filled Chocolate Cupcakes are not a bad cake snack, but they need balance. Right now, they have none, but still are not a terrible choice.

Hostess CupCakes

Right off the bat, it’s important to understand that CupCakes are a totally fraudulent snack. They are an imposter of the Little Debbie Creme Filled Cupcakes, which isn’t even a particularly high bar, yet the CupCakes fall so pathetically and embarrassingly short.

By way of appearance, they’re nearly identical to their Little Debbie counterparts. Nothing wrong with this, but it’s important to know when you’re hastily swiping at a shelving unit while in a blind terror of hunger.

The CupCakes are about a centimeter or so shorter than the Little Debbie Creme Filled Chocolate Cupcakes, and the curlycue of frosting across the top is more of an off-white, compared to the Little Debbie’s pale, bright white. They’re both very oily to the touch, and even come packaged in similar flimsy plastic trays.

Very similar in appearance, certainly, but one bite and there can be no mistaking one for the other. I took one bite into the CupCake

and was smacked right in the olfactory bulb by what can only be described as “Scent of Windex.”

Sometimes in life, signs fall in your lap like that. Did I promptly place the remainder of the Cup-Cake back into its packaging, and then place that packaging in the nearest waste bin? You bet.

It should be noted, however, that while the CupCake is an obviously inferior product to the Little Debbie Creme Filled Chocolate Cupcakes, the CupCake did have a far more appropriate creme-cake ratio.

Little Debbie Swiss Rolls

The Swiss Roll from Little Debbie is one of the most iconic of the snack pastries. With the aim of conjuring an image of European luxury, taste, and tradition, the Swiss Roll stands out from other pastries marketed more blatantly with bright colors and ‘engaging’ typefaces.

The Swiss Roll is not particularly moist, yet it finds itself occupying a space I am not even sure how to describe. It’s not dry. It’s soft, but also somehow firm. Whatever it is, the Swiss Roll has a light, airy quality to it, rendering it perfectly pleasant for consumption.

By way of frosting, the Swiss Roll is the best of those reviewed here. It has an incredibly thin coating of frosting, which typically shatters and cracks from the cake body of the snack like some honorable chocolate armor.

The interior creme of the Swiss Roll is by far the best for one reason: it’s almost identical from pastry to pastry. With a mechanized production, one would expect each pastry to be indistinguishable from the next, yet this is so often not the case.

Not only is the creme filling consistent, it also the proper creme-cake ratio, making the

Swiss Roll the obvious choice for cake snacks.

Hostess Ho-Hos

Let me be clear: I don’t have anything good to say about Hostess’ Ho-Hos. They bring reprehensible shame to the cake snack industry.

Ho-Hos are a lousy predecessor to the Swiss Roll. One might think this a good thing. Sequels are always worse, right? Incorrect.

Ho-Hos are a rough draft that have never seen any much-needed revisions. They are flat, crumbling rolls

disappointment. The cake body had such a lack of moisture it was dryer than Utah during prohibition. If I had to guess the main ingredients of Ho-Hos, I would guess chronic major depression and failure.

In these times of great societal division, we can all agree on this: regardless of what one’s political beliefs, religion, gender or gender expression, economic class, sexuality, race, creed or age, nobody — and I mean nobody — should be subjugated to eating a package of Ho-Hos.

Shame on you, Hostess.



Student Organization of Latinos discuss life on campus

Lydia Medina, Public Relations & Activities Coordinator

“Statistically, it is harder for Latino people to succeed. It is also statistically proven that Latino people have a much lower chance to go into higher education, especially first generation students like myself. I am very proud to say that I beat what the world has expected of me and I am proud to be Latina at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus.”

Angel Andrade, OSA Representative

“Being a Latino on campus I have felt welcomed by students and professors alike and being introduced to the Student Organization of Latinos here on campus, I was able to make new friends and branch out of my comfort zone, enhancing my experience at this university.”

Jessica Plascencia, Secretary

“For me, being a Latina on campus has made me realize how important my future truly is to me. I think about moving my family forward and making them proud by accomplishing any goals that I set. Every day I grow more proud of my cultural background. I am always excited to talk about my family and culture with others, as well as meeting people who share those aspects with me.”

Oscar Morales, SOL Member

“Being a Latino at UW Oshkosh is being appreciated and noticed on campus by having multiple resources to help me succeed as a Latino student. I am grateful for the SOL because I’ve met people that look like me and share the same core values and beliefs. Getting involved around campus has given me lifetime opportunities and lifelong friendships. I belong here and I’m excited for my future and what Oshkosh has to offer.”

Amanda Martinez, Vice President

“As a first-generation Latina, who is embarking on my college journey at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, I feel like I do truly belong here. I have felt supported by many individuals on this campus who encourage diversity. This has made me feel empowered as a Latina in pursuing a higher education!”

