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Updated COVID-19 policies for spring

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With the spring 2021 semester officially underway, it's important to be aware of the changing policies regarding COVID-19.

Students who live in the residence halls do not see much change in policies within the dorms themselves.

Residents must continue to social distance and wear masks at all times unless they are eating, drinking, showering, brushing their teeth or if their dorm room door is closed.

The only guests allowed in residence halls are UWO or FVTC students. Additionally, the number of guests allowed in each room is limited: 2-person rooms may have two guests at a time, 3-person rooms may have three guests at a time and 4-person rooms may have four guests at a time.

"Guests must follow all policies and their host may face conduct sanctions if they do not. Additionally, guests not following policies may be asked to leave the building," said Robert Babcock, director of Residence Life.

"We are looking forward to a great semester," he wrote in an email to all residence hall students. "Thank you so much for all you did to make fall successful despite the challenges. Let's make the spring successful together!"

In an from Police Chief Kurt Leibold on Dec. 7, 2020 in preparing students for the new semester, he wrote that quarantine would be shortened for those who were in contact with someone who tests positive so that they can return to their dorm quicker.

Testing will remain the same in Albee Hall from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, providing both the rapid antigen and PCR test. Testing will also be available in the Culver Family Welcome Center for the Oshkosh community from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

In an update on Jan. 21, Leibold wrote that residence hall students must be tested weekly and off-campus students who will be

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The UWO men's basketball team warms up for their Friday-night match against UW-Platteville. The men's team won their second match against Platteville 77-68, after losing 88-75 on Feb. 3. The women's team similarly lost their first game against UWP 74-68, but bounced back with a dominant performance, winning 81-64.

Athletics returns for spring semester

By Cory Sparks
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For the first time in 11 drawn-out months, UW Oshkosh held a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) sporting event in the Kolf Sports Center when the wrestling team hosted a match on Feb. 2 with no spectators.

UWO's wrestling team did one better than hosting the duel against UW-Platteville; they won by a 23-15 score despite having an unorthodox fall practice schedule.

"It was pretty incredible to finally see us on the mat and competing again," UWO wrestling coach Efrain Ayala said. "It is difficult to continually practice without any sort of outlet like a competition."

With the usage of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to combat COVID-19, along with the stunt-

ed positive test rate on campus, Oshkosh was able to resume their NCAA competition along with the rest of the WIAC.

According to UWO Police Chief Kurt Leibold, the campus's positive percentage rate for the first full week back from winter break was 0.7%. He also said that regardless of the mask mandate changes at the state level, the UWO campus will maintain its current indoor mask requirement.

UWO's men's and women's basketball teams played games on Feb. 3 and Feb. 5 for the first time since both the 2020 March Madness tournaments were suspended indefinitely due to the rising number of positive COVID-19 cases.

On Feb. 3, the men's and women's basketball teams lost by scores of 88-75 and 74-68 respectively against Platteville. Both teams would go on to even their records out at 1-1 on Feb. 5 when the men won 77-68 and the

women won decisively 81-64.

UWO's track and field and swim and dive teams both made their 2021 debuts on Feb. 6 at Kolf the Albee Hall and Pool facility.

The track and field team faced off against UW-La Crosse; the men won their first meet of the season 82-70, and the women lost their opener 57-87.

The swim and dive team faced off against UW-Stevens Point to wrap up the first full week of sports. The meet was unscored, but the event was seen as a valuable experience that can be used to track the team's progress over time.

"Competition plays a real important role in our training," UWO swim and dive coach Christopher Culp said. "We use many of the meets we compete in as a benchmark to see where we are at and what we need to continue to work on as a team and individually."

With the WIAC voting to resume winter sports back on Dec. 12, UWO athletes suddenly had something that they haven't had in over a year regarding their season: a clear purpose to practice. Since late March 2020, many teams were planning or practicing from a distance with tons of uncertainty regarding the possibility of competing against other schools again.

"Swimming is a sport that takes major commitment. We workout two times a day," Culp said. "It is hard to maintain that level of commitment without knowing that you will have a chance to compete."

The six weeks of preparation following the WIAC's announcement no longer had that uncertainty, and there is a large sense of gratitude from UWO's coaches knowing that they can watch their teams compete in meaningful

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COVID policy: What’s changed, what hasn’t?

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on campus as well as staff and faculty should be tested every other week. Those who have gotten either dose of either vaccine need to fill out a form and will then be exempt from testing.
As for the vaccine, students and staff will be updated as soon as the university is.
Dining is definitely something that COVID-19 has affected greatly.
“Due to COVID, we had to make some changes in dining regarding how many people can sit in dining areas — tables were moved apart and only one person could sit at a table unless they were six feet from someone else,” Jean Kwaterski, Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor for Campus, said.
In Blackhawk Commons, all food was served by employees to students to limit the amount of people who came in contact with the utensils. Tables are also cleaned after each use.
One difference from last semes-

ter in Blackhawk Commons is the different stations.
“Last fall, students could only go through one of two identical lines at Blackhawk,” Kwaterski said. “This semester, we are opening all the various stations in Blackhawk to provide more food variety for students. We still need students to maintain physical distancing between each other when getting their food.”
As for Reeve Union Market-place, people are allowed to sit and eat there again, another difference from last semester.
“We have moved the tables apart and marked them with how many people can sit at a table,” Kwaterski said. “Masks must be worn if the person is not actively eating or drinking, for example, if they are using the table to study, they should wear their mask.”
For classes, UWO plans on having 1,300 classes in person, which is more than half, and there are still online and mixed classes this semester.

“The mix of classes allows us to meet the changing needs of a diverse student body, and we encourage students to tailor their schedules to best meet their needs,” Leibold said.
The size of classrooms or the size of classes makes it feasible for this to happen, events may not be as easy.
“Due to COVID restrictions, events on campus can only have 50 people in attendance at a maximum,” Kwaterski said. “After making sure there is physical distancing, many rooms in Reeve Union could only accommodate less than 50 people. Therefore, many events were either cancelled or moved to a virtual format.”
Kwaterski said Reeve Union plans on hosting more events in person during the spring. One of these events is Taste of UW Oshkosh, which will be held on Feb. 16 at 11 a.m.-1 p.m., as well as 4 p.m. -6 p.m.
“We limited the number of student organizations who can re-

serve a table and only one person from that student organization can be at the table,” Kwaterski said. “We will then allow a limited number of students to go into the room at a time to learn more about these student organizations”
The Reeve movie series, craft nights, gaming nights and more are also planned to be in person.
If someone doesn’t want to or can’t participate in these in person events, Kwaterski said that “they can still learn about student organizations virtually through Titan Connection or by downloading the Titan Connection app. When students look on Titan Connection to find out about upcoming events, it will say if the event is in-person or virtual.”
Despite the retraction of the mask mandate in Wisconsin, the number one policy of the university is to wear a mask.
“A cloth, two-layer face mask continues to be the safest, most effective mask,” Leibold said.



UWO emergency management program ranks nationally

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Accredited Online Colleges (AOC) recently ranked UW Oshkosh as one of the best online Colleges in Emergency Management in the country.
“We strive to meet or exceed industry standards in preparing the future leaders of the fire and emergency response industry” UWO Fire and Emergency Response Management (FERM) Outreach Program Manager Cindy Brun said.
Emergency management degrees are for students that wish to pursue a career in an organization that responds to large-scale emergencies and disasters ranging from natural disasters to domestic terrorism.
Disasters of this magnitude often require the coordination of several agencies, including medical, fire and law enforcement, so oversight of these operations is crucial to a successful emergency response.
AOC takes into consideration the number of associated programs offered as well as their variety, the courses’ stu-

dent-to-faculty ratio, affordability and quality of the degree when assembling the rankings.
UWO ranked 19th out of 30 of the top accredited colleges offering the degree in the nation.
“The program has been ranked highly by numerous sources, including OnlineU.org and EndureF.net. It was also the first program of its kind to be implemented in the state of Wisconsin,” the AOC website states.
In July of 2020, the FERM program placed eighth on both OnlineU.org and EdureF.net’s “Most affordable online Fire Science bachelor’s degree” rankings.
UWO currently offers FERM degrees with an emphasis in either Fire Services Management or Emergency Management, with a projected completion of two years or less. The program aims to prepare students academically as a firefighter or EMS upon completion.
For more information on the FERM program offered by the university, visit their website on the UWO Online Degree Programs page.

Taste of Oshkosh to be held in person

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The Spring Taste of UW Oshkosh will be held on Tuesday, February 16 in Reeve Ballroom 227 and Reeve 221.
UWO offers a club or organization for nearly every major or interest.
Many professors and employers recommend that students explore clubs at their universities for insight and relationship-building.
According to Michael Corbett, associate director of Graduate Student and Academic Services at Bentley University, joining a club or organization on campus

allows students to learn more about themselves, their goals, and their strengths.
Corbett also said students will improve their people skills, collaboration efforts, networking opportunities, practical experience, leadership skills and expand their resume.
“Being an involved graduate student is a sacrifice, as all students have a rigorous academic schedule, and many have full- or part-time work and personal lives to balance,” Corbett said. “Students continue to get involved on campus because they see that the sacrifice of their time is worth the benefits they receive.”

| 11-1 p.m., Reeve Ballroom 227 | 4-6 p.m., Reeve Ballroom 221 |
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| The Advance-Titan | Pre-Law Society |
| Panhellenic Council | Reeve Union Board |
| Interfraternity Council | National Society of Leadership and Success |
| Climbing Club | Campus for Awareness and Relationship Education |
| Titan TV | Anthropology Club |
| OSA | National Alliance on Mental Illness |
| Women’s Rugby | College Republicans |
| Chi Alpha | InterVarsity Christian Fellowship |
| Campus Ministries | Student Veterans Association |
| Society of Physics Students | Best Buddies |
| Aspiring Educators | Psychology Club |
| WRST-FM | History Club |
| Public Relations Society of America | Titan Catholics |
| Athletes in Action | Student Organization of Latinos |
| Pre-Physical and Occupational Therapy Society | Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization |
| Students for Music | Titan Volunteers |
| Film Society | United Students in Residence Halls |
| Allen Priebe Student Gallery Board | Student Social Work Association |
| Rainbow Alliance for HOPE | Men in Nursing |
| Swing Dance Club | Women’s Advocacy Council |
| Wildlife Conservation Club | Society for Human Resources Management |
| ArtsCore Student Organization | Student Council for Exceptional Children |
| Club Nippon | Student Green Fund |
| Psi Chi | Women’s Ultimate Frisbee Club |
| Engineering Club | Marketing and Sales Club |
| UMatter | Gaming Society |
| Circle K | Advertising Club |
| Social Justice Club | CRU |
| Music and Wellness | Gentlemen of Excellence |
| Kinesiology Club | |
| International Film Series | |

Obituary: Logan James Collison

Logan James Collison
Late summer 1999, the light of two small comets came into view. *Comet C*, overshadowed by the fanfare of recent *Haley's* or *Hale-Bopp*, with its short tail, still briefly passed our planet bringing its own unique signature beauty and light. August 14, 1999 Logan James Collison entered the home of Michael and Linda Collison in Grand Rapids, Michigan, with even greater brightness and beauty. His sisters Rachel and Alyssa and brother Ryan gathered to welcome their little brother. Infant Logan was dedicated and baptized at Orchard Hill Reformed. The week of 9/11 the Collisons took an interstate leap of faith and moved to Little Chute, WI, where Mike began a long season of pastoral work with the Appleton Community EFC.

Logan's early years were formed deeply in the home. The family pursued a vigorous home education. The Collison Family Home School was a remarkable, lively, creative learning environment, rich with deep family relationships and interactions; his brother and sisters being his classmates and parents his teachers. He made a joyful noise on cajons and hand percussion in worship services.

The church family and youth

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groups were integral to Logan's faith journey. As a middle schooler, Logan stood and publicly shared his trust in Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of his life, and was re-baptized at ACEFC. Logan was involved in the vast array of church programs, groups, and community serving projects.

Mike, Ryan, and Logan began building wood cajons and hand percussion as *Out of the Drawer Percussion*, fully immersing themselves in the entrepreneurial adventures of playing, designing, building, promoting, showing, and selling drums. Logan's great joy was playing the conga cajons they built.

At 14, Logan decided to complete his schooling at Little Chute High School. Defying all harbingers of concern about the school transition, Logan brought his fire and passion for life to the LCHS community, engaging, and taking the student body by storm. He used his strength and speed in athletics, but of greater note, he shared his heart, building relationships with fellow students and many teachers. By senior year, this home schooled dark horse was picked as homecoming king. He worked at Goldin's scrapping metal.

He chose the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh for his college education. With his signature style and energy, he enlarged the community of his heart with numerous new college friends. The life of a comet is one of constant motion, Logan no less; light in motion. He joined the ROTC program and made the decision to join the Wisconsin National Guard. He was sworn in as an infantryman in fall of 2017. Private Collison completed basic training and Advanced Infantry Training in the summer of 2018 and was deployed to Afghanistan with the 2-127 unit out of Green Bay. He drove an MRAP vehicle while stationed at Forward Operating Base Fenty. There, he volunteered with the USO sharing his irrepressible shimmer and warmth with his fellow soldiers. He was welcomed home Thanksgiving of 2019.

Winter of 2020, Logan enthusiastically returned to UW Oshkosh and his studying to be a high school history teacher. He immersed himself in drawing and art, designing and getting beautiful tattoos and body art. Jujitsu, workouts, and swimming, to stay fit, he vigorously reconnected with his roomies and friends.

For some lives, one name is not enough. Logan had many: Loges, Logie, Logie Bear, Collie, Collie Baby, battle buddy, Drum Monkey, brother, best friend. Colorful descriptors of Logan are plentiful: Fiercely independent, dependable, selfless, hardworking, optimistic, caring, charismatic, storyteller, strong, influential, inspiring, servant, musician, artist, entertainer, and a treasure.

Logan wrote this to our family before he passed away, beginning with a quote from Scripture: *1 Corinthians 15:55-57* "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" *The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord*



SPC Logan James Collison

Jesus Christ."

The Lord washes away my sins, and I am made free through him. I want everyone to take comfort that I am no longer in pain, I am no longer suffering, instead I am in Heaven happy. I am so free. Know that I am finally happy. I love you all.

On January 19, 2021, Logan went home into the arms of his loving Father. A brother, best friend, and hero to so many, our beloved Logan, light in motion, has passed from our visible view, but his treasured presence and life will never be taken from any of us. And it is now our work to share and multiply the Light that he brought us.

SPC Logan James Collison was honorably discharged and was laid to rest in the Veteran's area of Lakeview Memorial Park in Oshkosh, WI, Saturday, January 23, 2021. He is survived by

his parents, Michael and Linda Collison (Hatley, WI), Alyssa and Matthew Brandt (Kalamazoo, MI) Ryan and Sara Collison (Denver, CO), Rachel Collison (Green Bay, WI), his grandparents, James and Marilyn Sadler (Cabery, IL) and Sara Collison (Kalamazoo, MI), and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

This was a private ceremony for family, but was recorded and will be included in a virtual celebration of life at a future date soon to be announced.

We have chosen the USO for anyone who desires to give a gift in memory of SPC Logan Collison. They are an organization that brings light and hope to our service men and women. <https://www.uso.org/donate/donate-in-honor>

Suicide Resources

- **UWO Counseling Center — (920) 424-2061**
- **Emergency Help after hours — Call Winnebago County Mental Health at (920) 233-7707, or your residence life staff member.**
- **The National Prevention of Suicide Hotline is 1-800-273-8255 (1-800-273-TALK)**

COVID-19 impact survey: Shop local campaigns helped businesses

A survey conducted last month by UW Oshkosh's Center for Customized Research and Services found that campaigns to shop locally over the holidays helped, but businesses are struggling with extra expenses related to COVID-19. Still, overall viability remains high, with nearly half of responding businesses reporting the ability to continue more than 10 months under current conditions.

The January COVID-19 Business and Economic Impact Survey covers impacts for December. Responses were received from 331 Wisconsin businesses. Survey respondents reported the following from December:

- Inventory losses of \$1.2 million
- Income losses of \$609,416
- Wage and productivity gains of \$155,760
- Other financial losses of \$6

- million
- Employment gains of 247 employees

Jeff Sachse, interim director of the UW Oshkosh Center for Customized Research and Services (CCRS), said "relatively modest" income losses point to the resilience many of the state's businesses demonstrated over the past several months as well as a greater level of support from local consumers.

He believes efforts by Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation and Main Street communities to promote shop local campaigns during the holiday season helped stem losses many small businesses expected to see.

"More troubling is the fact that businesses reported a large volume of unanticipated expenses, with several nonprofits reporting annual fundraising results well behind their averages," Sachse said.

"These organizations have also attempted to pivot through new donor portals and activities, yet many lack the capacity to do so effectively. This is an area that certainly bears further consideration."

Nearly half of responding businesses said they can survive more than 10 months under current conditions, but Sachse said future surveys will attempt to identify areas of concern and where business owners see opportunities to recover.

The survey wrapping up 2020 was sent to more than 2,500 businesses throughout Wisconsin. The low response level was expected, Sachse said, due to both the long duration of the pandemic and because many businesses are still analyzing their year-end finances.

The February survey is open through Feb. 22.

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Upcoming BHM Events

Thursday, Feb. 11

3rd Annual Phi Alpha Theta Lecture — Sponsored by Phi Alpha Theta of Tuskegee University
Virtual Event via Zoom
(Passcode: ES6M5M)
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Black History Month Spotlight — Radio Broadcast via 90.3 WRST-FM OSHKOSH
Featuring: Ahveon Smith, President of UW Oshkosh Black Student Union
5 p.m.

Virtual Forum – International Day of Women and Girls in Science: Indigenous Women in STEM
Virtual Event via Microsoft Teams
7 - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 12

Virtual Inclusive Excellence Panel – “Black Trauma for Profit”
Virtual Event via Microsoft Teams
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Soul Food Demonstration
Virtual Event via Collaborate Ultra
6 - 7:30 p.m.

Virtual Think Tank – “Critical Conversations of Professional Black Men in the Fox Valley: Compliance or Defiance? Authority or Inferiority?”
Virtual Event via Zoom
6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 13

Black Student Union Movie – “Love and Basketball”
Sage Hall 1210
6:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 15

Virtual Forum – “Questions on our Queer, Trans, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Navigating a Predominately White Institution”
Virtual Event via Microsoft Teams
4 - 5:30 p.m.

Monday Night Movie – “Crash”
Sage Hall 1210
6:30 p.m.

Virtual Forum – “Race and Religion: Discovering the Black Presence in the Bible”
Virtual Event via Zoom
7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

Black Student Union Wild N’ Out
Sage Hall 1216
4 - 6 p.m.

D.V.O.V. Gospel Choir Rehearsal — Open to the Public
River Valley Church in Oshkosh
6:30 - 8 p.m.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

African American studies program hosts Black History Month events

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UW Oshkosh is hosting events throughout February in honor of Black History Month.

“Most schools still teach a history curriculum which focuses on traditional events and the achievements of white figures,” Director of African American studies Alphonso Simpson said. “Black History Month gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.”

Monday nights will feature

movies starring African American actors in addition to a guest speaker to discuss the importance of each film. These movies will be shown at 6:30 p.m. in Sage Hall 1210.

On Tuesdays, the Divine Voices of the Valley Gospel Choir will be hosting open rehearsals aimed at students that want to “explore and enhance their spirituality through gospel music and praise singing” as stated on their Presence.io page. The rehearsals will be held at River Valley Church at 6:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday the university is hosting virtual forums and

panels featuring prominent members of the African American community who will discuss topics ranging from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to the “Racial Battle Fatigue.”

90.3 WRST-FM, the radio station on the UWO campus, will be airing interviews with members of the university’s African American community every Thursday at 5 p.m. The broadcast will also be available on-the-go via all major podcasting platforms.

Events ranging from virtual trivia night to a soul food demonstration will be hosted Fridays and Saturdays throughout the

month.

Lastly, the Breakthrough Covenant Church will be holding church services dedicated to Black History Month every Sunday at 10 a.m. Transportation to the event will be offered via RSVP through the Ride to Church website throughout the month.

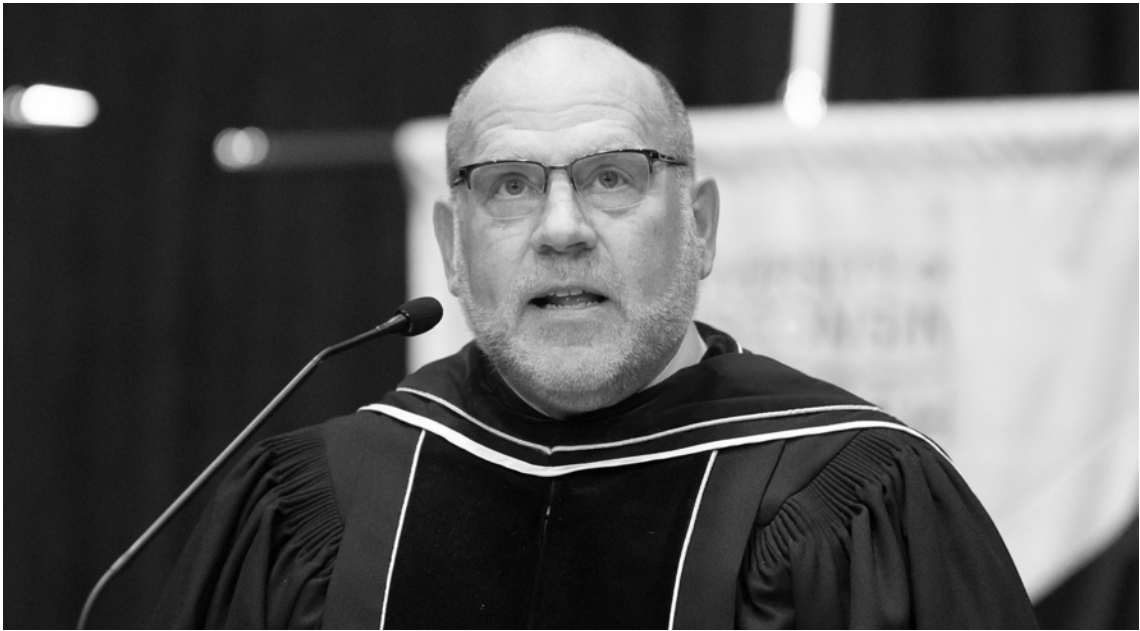
Other events will be scattered throughout Black History Month on various days of the week. More information on the AASP-sponsored events can be found on their UWO website. uwosh.edu/africanamericanstudies/bhm/

English professor joins lawsuit against Chancellor, Provost

By Sophia Voight
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UW Oshkosh associate English professor James “Duke” Pesta has filed a court motion to participate in a lawsuit against Chancellor Andrew Leavitt and Provost John Koker over claims of improper disciplinary actions.

UWO Education associate professor Peter Meyerson is currently suing Koker and Leavitt claiming that they wrongfully handled an investigation regarding a formal complaint made against Meyerson and illegally imposed sanctions after the complaint was dismissed.



Courtesy of UWO Flickr

Chancellor Andrew Leavitt and Provost John Koker are being sued by a UWO professor who claims that they illegally imposed sanctions after improperly investigating a complaint against him. UWO English professor James Pesta is seeking to join the lawsuit claiming he also underwent disciplinary actions that overstep the university’s established processes for handling faculty complaints.

The complaint, made in February 2020 by Dean of Students Art Munin and Associate Dean of the College of Education and Human Services Eric Brunsell, states that Meyerson has issues with anger and uses intimidation in the classroom, “frequently targeting female students.”

A document from Brunsell stated Meyerson’s hostile behavior “took place in multiple class sessions and was not isolated,” and he also has a history of “aggressive behavior toward women in the department.”

While the complaint was dismissed by Leavitt after investigators found no violation of faculty policy, Koker informed Meyerson that the university would monitor his behavior in the classroom and in meetings.

Meyerson filed a lawsuit in September 2020 against Koker and Leavitt, claiming they ignored the requirements of a complaint dismissal by initiating disciplinary actions.

Back in October, Pesta filed a motion to intervene and participate as a plaintiff, claiming he has been aggrieved by similar issues as Meyerson by Koker and Leavitt.

The UWO faculty handbook states that the chancellor is given 20 working days after starting a formal review of a complaint against staff or faculty to decide if the complaint should be prosecuted or dropped.

According to Meyerson’s lawsuit, Leavitt disregarded this rule

by taking 134 working days to dismiss the complaint after beginning the formal investigation.

According to Pesta’s motion to intervene, Leavitt also failed to abide by the “20 working days” rule when investigating complaints made against him by students.

Pesta claims Koker has also improperly imposed disciplinary sanctions against him after a student complaint for discriminatory harassment was filed against him in April 2019 and later rescinded, according to the motion.

This is in regard to a written reprimand Koker wrote against Pesta for the alleged inappropriate classroom conduct.

The motion also says that Koker is requiring Pesta to undergo behavioral modification training following the complaint of harassment in the classroom.

Pesta is seeking to join Meyerson’s lawsuit against Leavitt and Koker as he believes he is also undergoing disciplinary actions that overstep the university’s established processes for handling faculty complaints, the documents state.

Pesta is seeking the same ruling in Meyerson’s lawsuit that

requests the court to force Leavitt and Koker to abide by the rule established in the faculty handbook regarding complaints and disciplinary actions.

The suit also requests the court to declare Koker’s decision to impose sanctions as illegal for its “unconstitutional deprivation of Dr. Meyerson’s due process rights because it defies the faculty handbook.”

Lastly, Meyerson asks that the court bar the university from issuing disciplinary actions against him and delete the sanctions from his personnel record.

Meyerson asked the court in October to issue a temporary injunction to prevent Koker from imposing the sanctions until after the court decides if Leavitt and Koker had violated his rights established in the faculty handbook for improperly investigating the complaint.

However, a judge denied the temporary injunction, allowing Koker to move forward with his actions to monitor Meyerson and require him to complete a written self-evaluation of his teaching.

Circuit Court Judge Barbara Hart Key said just because the complaint was dismissed, doesn’t

remove the university’s right to observe a faculty member moving forward.

“If it’s a classroom in which they can otherwise observe anyway ... I don’t think there’s anything [in the handbook] that says they can’t do that,” she said.

Following the dismissal of the injunction, Leavitt and Koker filed a motion to dismiss Meyerson’s lawsuit entirely.

According to the motion, Leavitt and Koker argue that the “20 working days” rule is meant as an “aspirational or directory time,” not a mandatory time frame for dealing with faculty complaints.

The document also argues that monitoring Meyerson’s classroom and meetings conduct does not constitute as disciplinary sanctions and that the university has the right to move forward with their observation.

Key denied Leavitt and Koker’s motion to dismiss Meyerson’s complaint on Dec. 28, 2020 and allowed the case to proceed.

The parties have until Sept. 1, 2021 to complete discovery and proceed with the lawsuit.

“Whatcha Think?”

What is your favorite thing about UWO in the winter?



Abby, sophomore
“I like walking to work in negative degrees. Also, there’s a snowman outside of Donner with boobs.”



Seth, junior
“I really enjoy the winter interim.”



Megan, sophomore
“I enjoy the scenery a lot!”

Titan Taco is nothing special

By Owen Peterson
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This semester, UW Oshkosh is offering a new dining option in the form of Titan Taco, a Tex-Mex-style restaurant located in Scotty’s Market. The new addition to UWO’s dining options offers a very minimalist menu, but it is just that that makes it a good addition to Scotty’s.

The four entrées featured on the menu are: a burrito, two tacos, loaded nachos or a quesadilla. All of these options can feature beef, chicken or refried beans, and subsequent toppings such as shredded lettuce, shredded cheese, diced tomatoes and jalapeños.

In addition to those toppings, sour cream and salsa are available as premium toppings for 35 cents extra.

The final thing of note on the menu are the add-ons, which include spanish rice, refried beans (\$1.59 each) and one taco (\$1.75).

In accordance with the other restaurants in Scotty’s, Bravo Pizza and Titan Point Deli, Titan Taco is open from 2-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 2 p.m.-midnight on Friday and 5 p.m.-midnight on the weekend.

How is the food, though? Well, in one word: serviceable.

Perhaps the most accurate assessment of the food came when someone I was eating with, who was brave enough to try the loaded nachos, endearingly compared them to ones that you would find at a stadi-



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Titan Taco is located in Scotty’s Market, occupying Bravo Pizza’s former spot.

um. I shared a similar sentiment when I tried the burrito; it tasted fine, even if its innards did look like something I would feed to my cat.

The best thing that I tried at the new restaurant, and the item I would recommend trying for yourself, is the quesadilla. While, yes, it is exceptionally difficult to mess up a quesadilla, the ones at Titan Taco stand out, especially when paired with shredded chicken and rice.

The only real issue I had with the food is the lack of toppings. With only four toppings, it kind

of feels like Titan Taco only offers the bare minimum to even be considered a “Tex-Mex” restaurant.

On top of that, the fact that sour cream comes at an extra cost, despite the fact that it comes free at Chilaca, is both confusing and disappointing.

That being said, is Titan Taco worth your meal?

Yes, but only if you are OK with smaller serving sizes.

In exchange for a meal (a bonus one if you are on the All-Access Meal Plan), you will receive one of the entrées and a choice of a bottle of water

or a fountain drink.

Like I said, the food is serviceable, but I was disappointed by how little food there actually was. For reference, all of the meals are served in paper trays, the kind that you would generally expect your side to be served in.

Maybe I’m just a glutton, but an entrée with no sides included seems lackluster when compared to a sub with two sides or an entire personal pizza (the offerings of the two neighboring restaurants).

It could be argued, however, that the smaller selection of offerings is perhaps appropriate for what is meant to be a nice little addition to Scotty’s, not a mainstay dining option in Reeve, like Clash Burger was meant to be last year, and that wouldn’t be wrong.

Even so, the inevitable comparison that Titan Taco will have to face is with Chilaca, the other Tex-Mex-style offering at UWO, but the debate needn’t take place, as it’s not even close.

While Titan Taco has some decent offerings, it pales in comparison to Chilaca. Chilaca’s depth of menu (most notably: the bowl option), superb toppings and large serving sizes make it both more enjoyable and worthwhile than Titan Taco.

That being said, Titan Taco is perfect for what it is; a mid-tier offering geared more toward convenience than quality.

Letters to the Editor

Can’t find a job on campus? COVID-19 may be the cause

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I am currently a freshman at UW Oshkosh, and finding a job on campus has been difficult. As a student who comes from a low-income household, working is a necessity. I am not alone, as the National Center for Education Statistics reports that in 2018, 43% of undergraduates were employed.

After months of looking for an on-campus position, I came to a consensus. The economic recession caused by the coronavirus pandemic is to blame for a lack of on-campus jobs.

In economic terms, unemployment involves people who are actively searching for jobs but do not hold a job currently. In addition, economists point to a correlation between periods of recession and a high unemployment rate.

Due to COVID lockdowns, there has been less economic activity, causing an ongoing recession. Citizens have drastically changed their daily lives, spending less on activities deemed risky

from a public health standpoint.

Moreover, this means that certain industries have not been able to perform normal services. Hotels, restaurants, and even taxi companies have needed to scale back the amount of workers on staff, and are reluctant to hire new employees.

Unfortunately, college and high school students have largely bared the brunt of these cuts, with the Congressional Research Service announcing that an astounding 36.6% of teenage girls and 28.6% of teenage boys were unemployed in April 2020.

Returning back to my dilemma in regards to on-campus jobs, it

is clear to see that the recession caused by the COVID pandemic is to blame for higher unemployment rates, which causes students in particular to have a difficult time finding jobs.

Since so many students rely on funds from on-campus positions, it is necessary for the United States to focus on coordinating a unified response to the COVID pandemic. Without the coordination of multiple government entities, breakthroughs such as recent promising vaccine results from Pfizer and economic recovery would be less attainable and unemployment rates would remain high.

Unity over all

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I was driving on Interstate 41 about a week ago, when I passed by a farm that had an American flag flying in their backyard. The only peculiar thing about it was that the flag was hoisted upside down.

I have been thinking about it ever since.

Many US citizens are angry, just like others all around the world. And as we all know, anger carries a ton of potential energy. If only we could pivot this angry energy into a more useful area where it could actually benefit many people.

The world is going to keep

spinning, even when we are gone. We must begin to look out for one another and actively listen to our neighbors and interact positively within our community. We must create space for one another to converse and listen and not judge or shut others down if they are wrong or differ in worldviews.

Our communities are what support us. No matter the size of your city or town, no matter if you voted or who you voted for, no matter what you see when you look in the mirror, we are all skeletons underneath our skin. We must start helping one another along the shared path of life. We can help one another through reciprocated love and empathy.

I forgive my neighbor for flying their flag upside down. It is my neighbor’s very right to fly the flag in such a manner. That is how they are interpreting the current status of the US. I believe it is wrong to fly the flag in such a manner, but at the end of the day, that is how they are feeling, and I am willing to listen and converse about it.

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Sports

SPORTS: Back in action

matchups once again after what has been a frustrating year.

“There were many days I just wanted to hit control, alt, delete and reset for next season, but it was the team’s attitude that kept me focused,” Culp said. “The UWO swimming and diving team has never complained this year. They have clearly been challenged physically, mentally and emotionally and they have continued to strive for excellence.”

With a scoring event like the wrestling match, a lot of hard work went into pulling out a win after such a long period without competition. The practices, although sometimes unusual in comparison to pre-COVID times, came in handy for this team.

“I think the key to the win was endurance and preparation. Due to the changed procedures, many of our practices focused on cardiovascular [endurance],” Ayala said. “I could see this helped them tremendously during their matches. I also think the guys were just really ready to compete.”

Coaches were also very impressed by their teams’ abilities to roll with the punches during a year that has brought many surprises. Being able to adapt to the situation is something that has helped the teams grow a lot as athletes and people.



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Junior distance runner Andrew George comes in second place for the mile run with a time of 4:13:64.

“They have done a stellar job in the pool and in the classroom during all this,” Culp said. “If anything, they have inspired me to push harder and adapt to this year.”

Some coaches have also noticed that the pandemic has pushed some athletes into a discovery of purpose. With the time frame of their next match being uncertain, many UWO athletes had to muster up their own organic motivation.

“The change in procedures and the way our season looks different

this year has caused each athlete to really dig down and find out their ‘why,’” Ayala said. “The reason they are there day in and day out.”

With the virus still being a relevant every day topic, and with events running without spectators, there is still some ground to make before normalcy in sports can truly be achieved.

“This upcoming season will be interesting,” Culp said. “I hope we can go back to normal.”

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This week in
UWO history

Feb. 13, 1998 — Oshkosh student Amy Hildebrandt is featured in the USA Today as a Third Team member of the USA Today’s 1998 All-USA College Academic Team, becoming the second Oshkosh student to be honored. The contest honors 60 outstanding college students nationwide. The students are evaluated on grades, classroom achievements and research conducted outside of class. 1995 graduate Maryellen Hanusa took home Second Team honors in 1996.

Feb. 14, 1958 — Two records are broken and one is tied as the men’s basketball team defeats visiting Superior 112-97. The 112-point output is a school record in conference play and Superior’s Jack Evans’ 34 points is a gymnasium record. Oshkosh tied the gymnasium high of 112 that was

earlier established with a non-conference win against Lawrence in the 1957 Holiday Tournament.

Feb. 15, 1986 — Titan baseball coach Russ Tiedemann is named the first Man of the Year at a convention in Milwaukee. In June 1985, Tiedemann led Oshkosh to the NCAA Division III National Championship over Marietta College 11-6. He was named the 1985 NCAA Division III Coach of the Year – for the second time – as a result. He also won the NAIA Coach of the Year in 1974. Through his first 17 years with Oshkosh, Tiedemann’s clubs won 13 conference titles, six NAIA District 14 championships and qualified for seven NCAA Division III regionals. “[This recent award] took me totally by surprise,” Tiedemann said. “It was the first time I was at a loss for words,” he said in the Feb. 20, 1986 Advance-Titan article.

Feb. 16, 1940 — Crimson Wave, an organization exclusively comprised of red heads, is formerly organized on campus when the club’s officers are set to begin writing up a constitution and are to formally view potential “red tops” who wish admittance into the club.

Feb. 17, 1973 — Comedian Bill Cosby performs at a jam-packed Albee Hall as part of the University’s Black History Month observation. The 90-minute monologue is centered around his childhood.

Information from UW Oshkosh Archivist Joshua Ranger.

Basketball resumes play in divided conference

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The Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) will be split directly in half, into east and west divisions, for what will be an abbreviated 2021 season to minimize the amount of basketball games played during the pandemic.

“I was not surprised by the split,” sophomore guard Quinn Steckbauer said. “I knew our season would be limited, so it made sense to me that the conference would split us up.”

The WIAC east division is comprised of UW Oshkosh, UW-Platteville, UW-Stevens Point and UW-Whitewater. The WIAC west division includes UW-La Crosse, UW-River Falls, UW-Stout and UW-Eau Claire.

Instead of playing over 20 regular season games, like the conference’s teams are accustomed to, only eight games will be played by each school. Each team will play four different in-conference teams twice, once at home and once at the opposing team’s school.

Three of the in-conference teams will be in each team’s division, and the fourth team that each school plays will be from the other half of the conference.

On Feb. 3, the UWO men’s and women’s basketball teams resumed play in one of eight regular season games, opening against UW-Platteville, for the adjusted season.

“Honestly, it was not something that shook us too much,” senior guard Tommy McGlynn said. “We know each and every one of these teams pretty well

over the years, so who we saw on the schedule didn’t make much of a difference. Our focus and approach were going to be at the same level no matter what.”

The men’s and women’s basketball teams both took opening night losses, with the men falling 88-75 in Platteville and the women losing 74-68 at the Kolf Sports Center.

But both teams bounced back on Feb. 5 with the men winning 77-68 at the Kolf Sports Center and the women winning 81-64 in Platteville.

After the split series with Platteville, UWO’s mens and womens teams will be playing a pair of games against Whitewater, Stevens Point and then Eau Claire.

“It’s been awesome to be back playing other competition,” Steckbauer said. “It’s been the longest stretch of my life since I started playing to be without other competition.”

Both basketball teams on campus won last year’s WIAC tournament and sealed their bid to the NCAA tournament.

The men’s basketball team was eliminated in the second round of the tournament when North Central College stopped the Titans’ national title defense in an 84-82 nail-biter.

“Overall, I think we had a good year,” Steckbauer said. “We had some ups and downs, but we were playing well at the end when it mattered most; we just came up a bit short.”

Although the 2019 national champions could not get past the second round of the NCAA tournament last year, there is confidence that this team is different and has grown a lot since the

heart-breaking loss. Even after losing the team’s leading scorers, Adam Fravert and Jack Flynn, the athletes feel well- equipped for the newer battles ahead of them.

“We showed up for whatever practice, workout or lift with the same focus and intensity every day, no matter what,” McGlynn said. “We graduated some heavy minute guys and a lot of experience, so to have a group this year that has not played a ton together [is] something we are going to have to work hard at.”

The team has had a lot of time to reflect and improve since last year’s performance, and players have also made it a priority to increase their individual play during what has been an extended offseason.

“As a team, I think we are quicker and have more talent beating teams off the dribble,” Steckbauer said. “Personally, I have most improved my physical strength and ability to shoot.”

The women’s team was still in the NCAA tournament when the spread of COVID-19 caused an abrupt stop to all collegiate and professional sports.

The women’s team cruised past Edgewood College in the first round by a score of 61-40, pulled away from Bethany Lutheran College late to win 67-60 in the second round and then was not able to play Loras College due to the pandemic’s severity.

Although last year’s confusing ending has left a lasting memory in many players’ heads, there is a larger focus on the task at hand in 2021.

“Last year’s season ended almost a whole year ago, but it feels



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Freshman center Joseph Adamson slams the ball in warm-ups before the Titans’ 77-68 win over the Pioneers in the Feb. 5 matchup at the Kolf Sports Center.

like way longer than that,” McGlynn said. “I am more focused on the guys we have this year and what is still ahead for us this season.”

Even with the reduced amount of games, the split up conference and a lot of uncertainty regarding how a tournament will be held this year, players are thankful

to be competing against other schools once again.

“Our mindset was always that we are having a season until someone tells us otherwise,” McGlynn said. “We will always be incredibly thankful that we were able to compete at any capacity this year.”

Arts & Entertainment

Quarantine-friendly date ideas

Make Valentine’s Day as special as it can be during COVID-19

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Roses are red, violets are blue... 2021 is here, but COVID-19 is too.

Last Valentine’s Day, much of America was going out to dinner, seeing the newest movie in theaters, and gathering in groups.

Since COVID-19 became a threat in early 2020, it immediately put quite a damper on the year’s holidays and festivities. However, safety precautions and mask mandates don’t have to take the love and romance out of Valentine’s Day.

Whether you choose to spend it alone, with your significant other, with family, with your girls or the bros, here are a few quarantine-friendly date ideas for Valentine’s Day 2021.

Fine-dining options

If you’re looking to have a fine-dining experience, check out Fox River Brewing Company’s “River Domes,” which seat up to eight COVID-cautious friends for 90 minutes.

This private seating option allows you to enjoy a meal or some drinks inside a clear, heated dome with a riverside view.

To see more information about reservations and food and beverage minimums, you can visit their website.

If dining in isn’t your style, pick up a heart-shaped pizza for you and your lover or friend group.

This year, both Pizza Hut and Papa John’s will be offering heart-shaped pizzas for under \$15.

Otherwise, there are plenty of recipe options to try out on the 14th. Search the web for a simple pasta or steak recipe and make a date out of it.

Looking for other activities outside of a meal? There are plenty of those too.

Try out the new ice rink

Oshkosh has just put in a lighted ice-skating rink at Roe Park in downtown Oshkosh. Anyone can come and use the facility anytime between 5 a.m. and 11 p.m daily.

Better yet, on select weekends,



Heated “river domes” at Fox River Brewing Co. must be reserved in advance. You can reserve them for up to eight people for 90 minutes.

you can use skates for free from 3 to 7 p.m., thanks to Dr. Eric’s Skate Club. For updates on closures due to weather, go to Dr. Eric’s Skate Club Facebook page.

Take a hike

If you’d rather, you can bundle up and take a brisk walk along the Fox River or work out at the Student Rec instead.

For the simpler homebodies, there are some great dates and experiences you can access with just a laptop.

Enjoy virtual options

Award-winning vocalist Kate Voss and guitarist Jason Goessl will be hosting “A Very Vintage Valentine’s Weekend” that can be streamed to your home for free from The Grand Oshkosh stage.

The performances will be available Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. through Feb. 14 at 11:59 p.m., and registra-

tion can be accessed on The Grand Oshkosh website.

If you’re not a music person, Stellarium Web offers a free virtual stargazing experience that would make for a fun and unique date night experience.

On the website, you can enter your location and see the stars and constellations as they appear in your area.

The Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History also offers a free virtual experience, which allows site visitors to explore the museum’s many exhibits in a quarantine-friendly setting.

Keep it simple

Or instead, keep it simple and pick out your favorite board game or find a deck of cards.

Otherwise, head to Netflix or Hulu and find a highly-rated movie or series to binge-watch.

If you’re a sports person, the

Milwaukee Bucks will be playing the Oklahoma City Thunder at 6 p.m. this Valentine’s Day.

Always room for dessert

To end the night, spoil yourself or the people you love with some dessert. Go get ice cream or stay cozy at home with some hot chocolate or chocolate dipped strawberries.

Stay safe

Throughout your festivities on Sunday, remember to prioritize your own health as well as others’ safety.

Do this by making sure you’re spending the day with others who have been following guidelines, addressing safety concerns with your date beforehand, and avoiding crowds.

Have a safe and wonderful Valentine’s Day!

Safety precautions and mask mandates don’t have to take the love and romance out of Valentine’s Day.

Creamy Garlic Pasta with Shrimp

Ingredients

- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 8 oz fresh linguine
- 12 large shrimp, peeled
- 8 cloves garlic, unpeeled

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1½ cups heavy cream
- ½ cup grated parmesan cheese
- ¼ cup finely chopped parsley

Directions

Bring a pot of salted water to a boil. Once boiling, add the pasta and cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, 1 to 3 minutes. Drain and set aside.

Meanwhile, bring 6 cups of water to a boil in a large saucepan. Using a small paring knife, remove the vein along the back of each shrimp and rinse under running water. Add the garlic to the boiling water and cook for 2 minutes. Then add the shrimp to the water and cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Drain the shrimp and garlic. Peel and finely chop the garlic.

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook for 1 minute. Add heavy cream and bring to a simmer. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the cream begins to thicken. Stir in the parmesan, parsley and shrimp. Season with salt and pepper. Pour the sauce over the pasta and toss to coat.

Send a free Valentine’s Day e-card to St. Jude children

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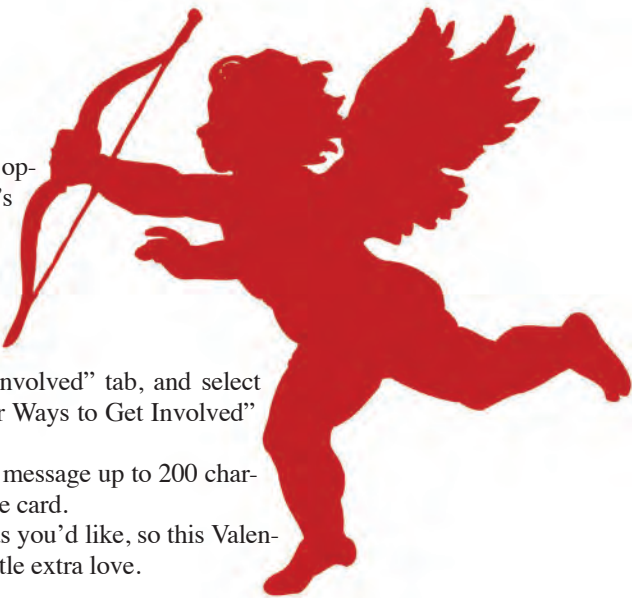
St. Jude is offering a quick and easy virtual option that allows you to send a free Valentine’s Day e-card to children at the research hospital.

Make a child’s day and spread some love this Valentine’s Day by taking just a few minutes of your time to write a short, positive message online.

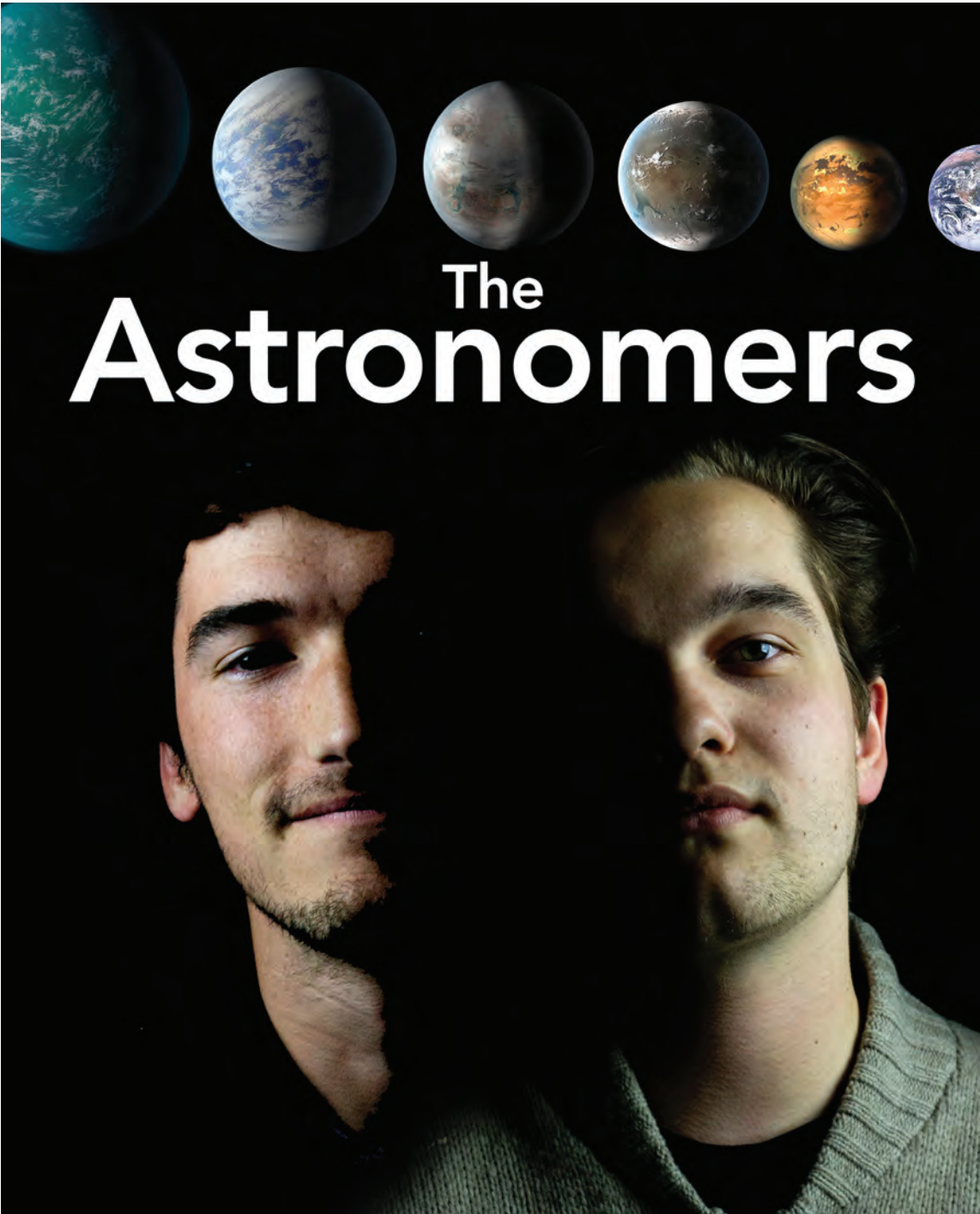
Simply visit stjude.org, click on the “Get Involved” tab, and select “Send Our Kids a Valentine” below the “Other Ways to Get Involved” section.

Next, choose a card design, write a personal message up to 200 characters or choose a pre-written note, and send the card.

The site lets you submit as many messages as you’d like, so this Valentine’s Day, take a little extra time to spread a little extra love.



The Astronomers in the clouds with new single ‘Skywalking’



The Astronomers is composed of UWO juniors Ben Baker (right) and Michael Stensland (left).
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The UW Oshkosh pop-music duo, The Astronomers, released their first single of the year, which was met with positive reactions.

The Astronomers, composed of UWO juniors Ben Baker and Michael Stensland, released “Skywalking,” featuring guest vocalist Zach Paradis, on Jan. 29, just ahead of the semester’s start.

“The song is very up to interpretation for the listener,” Stensland said. “We just went for this nostalgic, kind of euphoric feeling for this record.”

The track includes allusions to Star Wars and Batman, and lyrically takes a much more playful approach than The Astronomers’ hits such as “Overthinking” and “Love Lasts.”

“I said to Michael, ‘Let’s just write something so weird and go from there,’” Baker said about the lyrics.

Starting from nothing but the guitar loop featured in the song, the duo finished the chorus in one night in early October. They sat on it for a while, further distilling and building up the track.

Baker and Stensland were thinking of who would be a good addition for the song when they turned to Atlanta-based musician Paradis, who featured on The Astronomers’ song “Area 51.”

After finishing the song, next up was filming a music video. With Paradis located in Atlanta and the Astronomers’ home base being Oshkosh, Baker and Stensland made the decision to make the nearly 10-hour drive to Nashville, where they met with Paradis. Within 48 hours, the group drove to Nashville, filmed a music video, and then drove back to Wisconsin.

“When we got back to Oshkosh we were just like, ‘Holy cow, I can’t believe we just did that,’” Baker said.

The music video, produced by

Jack Rindahl, is now available to be viewed on YouTube.

On Feb. 26 The Astronomers will drop “You Fucked Up,” their last single to be released before their upcoming EP.

“I think it’s like the happiest spiteful song, with the possible exception of “Fuck You,” by CeeLo Green,” Baker said. “I think people are going to think it’s a really interesting message in such a happy-sounding song.”

Stensland said stylistically, “You Fucked Up” will be like a twin track to their single from September, “Overthinking,” which is dominated by Jacob Collier or Jeremy Zucker-like pop vibes.

After an extensive rearrangement and editing of their tracks, The Astronomers have renamed their upcoming EP from “The 2000s” to “Guess It’s Just Life.” Baker and Stensland said the EP is completed, although at the time of writing it has no official release date.

The music of Apple ads

Apple, being Apple, has some commercials straight from the top drawer. Often the pace and styling of the commercials is more or less dictated by the song, and through the years they’ve consistently selected bangers for well over a decade of commercials and technological evolution.

The Submarines’ “You, Me, and the Bourgeoisie” dates back to being used in a French commercial for the iPhone 3G, released in July 2008. Suzi Wu’s “Eat Them Apples” was

featured in their most recent and ongoing ad campaign for the iPhone 12 and 12 Pro.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of Apple’s song choice is the differing levels of obscurity. Having as expansive a consumer base as they do, one might expect more mainstream music to be used in Apple’s commercials. Still, the choices of music Apple makes adds to the sharpness of their commercials.

Eat Them Apples
Suzi Wu
2020





Tongue Tied
Grouplove
Never Trust a Happy Song
2011

Into Happiness
Phantogram
Ceremony
2020





You, Me, and the Bourgeoisie
The Submarines
Honeysuckle Weeks
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Short Skirt / Long Jacket
Cake
Comfort Eagle
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