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BHM event discusses Black trauma for profit

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The UW Oshkosh office for Academic Support of Inclusive Excellence hosted a panel discussion on the topic of Black trauma for profit for Black History Month last week.

The panel discussion was moderated by Damira Grady, associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Support of Inclusive Excellence and Chief Diversity Officer at UWO.

She was joined by Shannon Smith, a clinician for the NBA Players Association and a psychotherapist at SIS counseling, Katie Huskey, owner of Purple Lotus Counseling and Lautauscha Davis, an administrator in both secondary and post secondary education.

The discussion was centered around the subject of Black trauma for profit. In recent times there have been numerous traumatic events that have occurred for the African American community, and citizens have often used these events for financial gain. One example includes merchandise like buttons and shirts being sold at George Floyd protests.

Huskey mentioned another example of how movies that often portray slavery or the beatings of African Americans are not created by people of color and that their goal isn't to bring awareness to the issue, but rather to gain profit.

When asked about what came to her mind when she hears the phrase "Black trauma for profit" she said, "For me it's 'what's new' honestly in terms of profiting from Black trauma. It's a common thread that's been woven into the fabric of our nation, so I think things haven't changed. Some people think about how slavery has been abolished and things have so improved and yet this idea of profiting is still woven in there."

Grady asked the panelists "How can we create spaces where our allies are educated enough on our Black trauma that they share in that emotional labor to educate other people without profiting off of it?"

"We share in the responsibility and unfortunately, you know us Black Americans and other people of color have always had to take the lead and be spearheads of that dissemination of education and you know we get tired of that as well," Smith said.

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The Black Lives Matter protests that sprouted up all over the country, including the one pictured above on UW Oshkosh's campus, came in the wake of extreme police violence, most notably in the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor. In Oshkosh, the Oshkosh Police Department officers have used body-worn cameras (BWC) for nearly five years. UW Oshkosh Police do not currently have BWC or dash cameras.

Police officer body cameras: How are they used in Oshkosh and at UWO?

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New statewide data on the use of body and dashboard cameras in Wisconsin shows that 380 agencies, including the Oshkosh Police Department, use at least one form of camera.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) released statewide data from 434 responding law enforcement agencies on the use of body-worn cameras (BWC) and dashboard cameras in January. The data was collected by the DOJ Bureau of Justice and Analysis in November 2020.

Oshkosh Police Department Crime Prevention Officer Kate Mann said that the agency has had BWC for approximately five years.

"Every patrol officer and school resource officer has a body-worn camera," said Mann. "Beginning in April, the Crim-

inal Investigation Division and patrol supervisors will also be getting body-worn cameras."

An officer equipped with a BWC can either press a record button on the BWC or the recording will automatically start when the emergency lights on the patrol squad are activated. The recorded footage is then uploaded and saved on a secure server.

The Oshkosh Police Department currently uses the Axon Flex 2 Camera, which can cost from \$449 to \$649, not including storage. The Oshkosh PD currently employs 100 police officers, according to its website.

In addition to the initial cost of the camera, police departments that wish to employ BWC must hire staff to fulfill Freedom of Information Act requests, maintenance staff and pay video storage fees.

Of the 54 agencies that stated in the DOJ study that they do not have any form of recording

device, 87% cited the primary reason as cost.

"It's not a cheap endeavor to make happen and it's not necessarily even just the cost of the cameras; it's the cost of the personnel to manage it," said UWO Police Captain Chris Tarmann. "Storage is an expensive piece for those devices."

According to the DOJ data, 65% of agencies that do not use either BWC nor dashboard cameras have an agency operating budget of less than \$1 million.

While alternatives to dashboard and BWC do exist, Tarmann says they are not ideal.

"There are cameras around campus that we obviously know where they are so we'll try and

position somebody in front of or near one of those," said Tarmann. But that's complicated because cameras aren't located everywhere.

Tarmann says the agency is currently working on a proposal to implement the devices in the hopes of receiving the necessary funding.

"I think body cameras are great, but it's just one of those things where there's probably a percentage of agencies who can afford them and there's a percentage of agencies that would have to sacrifice something or find funding to make it happen," said Tarmann. "And I feel like we've been in that category for a while now."

UWO Police Captain Chris Tarmann

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UWO said a software update issue caused over 200 acceptance letters to mistakenly email to applicants.

Hundreds receive false acceptance to UWO

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Over 200 people who applied for admission to UW Oshkosh received a false acceptance letter via email over the weekend of Feb. 5.

According to a statement from UWO Public Information Officer Peggy Breister, a software update issue caused hundreds of acceptance letters to be sent out to applicants by mistake.

Around 400 emails of acceptance to the university went out that weekend with about two-thirds of students receiving a premature acceptance because they had not submitted all necessary documents for admission.

New freshman applicants are required to submit their official high school transcripts and results of the ACT or SAT.

Breister said the majority of

students who received false acceptance letters are expected to be eligible for admission once they submit all necessary materials.

The university discovered the error on Monday, Feb. 8 and notified the impacted students of their premature acceptance.

The students were told they would need to submit their transcripts before UWO could officially consider their application.

“UW Oshkosh accepts ownership of this error and apologizes for any confusion or concern it may have caused those prospective students who received [an email],” Breister said.

Students who received the false acceptance letters were given direct contact information to clarify the admissions process.

Applicants can find more information about applying to UWO at uwosh.edu/study-at-uw-oshkosh/.

Oshkosh Student Association election looming on horizon

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Just as in the fall semester, the UW Oshkosh student body will have to vote for their leadership this March.

While voting in the presidential election was a contentious issue, the OSA elections escape any of this drama by being fully online, as they have been historically. Each student is able to vote electronically through Titan Connection.

Students who wish to run for OSA president and vice president must file to be recognized as candidates by Feb. 23 at 3 p.m.

In the 2019 OSA elections, the run-up to Election Day was punctuated by an instance of hate speech, when a former UWO student posted a photo of a promotional poster for then-candidates Jacob Banfield and Ian McDonald to their Snapchat story with a caption that included racist and homophobic statements.

The incident led to a campus-wide response and affirmation of the university’s dedication to inclusion, as well as the first of two open forums in spring 2019 to address racism and homophobia on and around the UWO campus.

In the most recent OSA election, McDonald and Sydney Devitt ran unopposed for president and vice president, respectively. Devitt has since graduated.

The Oshkosh Student Association election voting will be held



March 9-10, beginning at 8 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday through 8 p.m.

Inclusivity resolution

Since the controversial rhetoric surrounding the 2018 election, the OSA and its leaders have dedicated themselves to building UWO’s identity as an inclusive community. Feb. 16th’s OSA assembly meeting exemplifies this, as the assembly heard OSA 20-040, an inclusivity resolution, be brought to the floor.

After the UWO Title IX coordinator role was filled without any student input, Ava Tryon OSA vice president pro-tempore, wrote the resolution.

According to the resolution itself, “The decision-making process of hiring new individuals in these roles that affects students’ everyday life often does not include the voices and opinions of those it affects, which is detrimental to the wellness and safety of students.”

Sponsored by various other OSA leaders, including President McDonald and Vice President Austin Hammond, the resolution encourages UWO administrators to include student voices in any search committees related to filling roles relating to compliance, diversity and inclusion.

UWO begins semester amid low COVID-19 cases

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UW Oshkosh is starting its spring semester among Winnebago county’s lowest number of COVID-19 cases since September.

There was an average of 20 newly confirmed COVID-19 cases per day in Winnebago County last week. Daily confirmed cases have not been this low since the beginning of September, according to the Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) COVID-19 data.

Confirmed cases of COVID-19 on the UWO campus have also remained low with a 3.3% positivity rate on campus and only 14 active cases as of Tuesday, according to UWO’s COVID-19 dashboard.

The WCHD COVID-19 dashboard reported a 3.5% positivity rate for the second week of February, which is a decrease from 4.3% positivity the first week of the month.

Hospitalizations from COVID-19 are down 50% since the beginning of February in the Fox Valley. There are currently 28 COVID-19 patients hospitalized in the Fox Valley.

However, the county still remains in a “high burden status” level for the virus, which is when the active case rate is between 100 and 350.

The WCHD said everyone still needs to do their part to stop the spread of COVID-19 by limiting

New confirmed cases of COVID-19 by day in Winnebago County



Courtesy of Winnebago County Health Department COVID-19 Dashboard

the amount of gatherings they attend.

The county health department identified a COVID-19 case spike in Omro on Feb. 15.

Case rates in the City of Omro are about 30% higher than the average rate in the rest of the county.

The WCHD and School District of Omro said high school gatherings for sports and extracurriculars starting back up appears to be a reason for the spike in confirmed cases.

Omro High School suspended

in-person classes for the remainder of the week after they reported 12 new student cases, 20 total cases and over 170 close contacts with the coronavirus.

UWO has also resumed its athletics programs and begun hosting more in-person events.

In January, the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference unanimously voted to begin winter competition in February. The competitions are currently conference-only and no spectators are allowed.

Reeve Union has also planned more in-person events this semester such as Taste of UW Oshkosh, movie series, craft nights and gaming nights.

In a university-wide email, UWO Police Chief Kurt Leibold said it is important for students to maintain safety measures so the university can maintain its push to return to normal operations.

Albee Hall remains open for testing during the spring semester by appointment 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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The “River Dome” experience includes a private dome for up to eight people for 90 minutes. These domes have become a popular experience for people looking to enjoy an outing with friends, while staying warm and safe during the pandemic.

Fox River Brewing Co. installs domes for outdoor dining

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With below-freezing temperatures during a global pandemic, what better way to spend your time than at Fox River Brewing Company’s “River Domes.” These domes have become a popular experience for people

looking to enjoy an outing with friends, while staying warm and safe. The average temperature inside the River Domes is 75 degrees which keeps the customers cozy while enjoying the experience. Fox River Brewing Company decided to get these River Domes to continue to utilize their out-

door space during the pandemic and the winter months. The domes created a stir on social media, helping Fox River Brewing Company adapt to a difficult time for restaurants. The Fox River Brewing Company is the only restaurant in Oshkosh to have outdoor domes installed. The River Dome experience

includes a private dome for up to eight people for 90 minutes. There is no rental fee for the River Domes, but there are food and beverage minimums depending on the reservation. Guests can order off the regular menu and in addition to party boards and beverage packages for the domes.

“My daughter loves it, and has a ton of fun hanging out in the domes because it is a neat and different experience for everyone to enjoy,” General Manager of Fox River Brewing Company Rachel Feenstra said. To reserve a dome, call the Fox River Brewing Company at 920-232-2337.

WI support for public higher education drastically plummets

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A December report from the Wisconsin Policy Forum says Wisconsin’s support for public higher education has drastically plummeted when compared to the rest of the nation, and changes are being called for. The UW and technical college systems face immense financial challenges arising from a depletion of state funding, an in-state tuition freeze, declining statewide enrollments in universities and more. These shifts in education are causing predicaments for policymakers and the public. As taxpayers may see state funding declines and students may see in-state tuition freezes a good thing, these are both negatively impacting the quality of higher education in Wisconsin, according to the report. Since fewer tax dollars are going toward higher education, there is a declining enrollment

at the UW system schools. There has been a 13% enrollment drop since 2011, according to the report. In the case of the in-state tuition freeze, a suggestion in the forum stated policymakers could allow prices to rise for those able to pay them, yet still provide additional financial aid for those who cannot pay. This is favored by experts, especially economists, as it provides additional funding while still protecting students with financial difficulties. Polls conducted by Marquette University Law School in 2017 show that 48% of registered voters in Wisconsin preferred a 5% cut in tuition for all in-state UW students to spending an equivalent amount to “help qualifying low- and moderate-income students.” Helping low-income students, UW-Madison’s Bucky’s Tuition Promise guarantees scholarships and grants to cover four years of tuition and fees for students

with households making gross incomes of \$60,000 or less. UW System President Tommy Thompson discussed with Milwaukee Journal Sentinel his intentions prior to the start of this past fall semester in 2020. “We know how many families are hurting economically and how many families are without a job [due to COVID-19],” Thompson said. “We know that students want to come back to the university and we just thought it was not the time to raise tuition or to even bring [the tuition freeze] up.” Thompson is seeking to extend the “Wisconsin Tuition Promise” to all resident UW undergraduates with a 3.5% UW System budget increase. In the future, he sees the program expanding to even more students at Madison. Despite these challenges faced with the tuition freeze and state funding, Wisconsin college students are reaping a few benefits. Graduation rates at public four-year institutions have im-

proved for all students, including underrepresented minorities. Students are also graduating more quickly, spending less and have less debt in doing so. COVID-19 has started up online instruction at universities and offers higher chances of serving new students and boosting enrollments. The forum suggests “the state’s higher education institutions should expand these offerings, focusing on the programs with the greatest benefit to workers, employers and Wisconsin as a whole.” UW-Milwaukee Think Tank 2030+, a discussion group in charge of finalizing reports for the public, recommends the focus of online learning should be reaching students through their preferred ways. “This should include the ability of students to complete a UWM degree either fully in person or fully online, for at least a designated group of selected degrees, or facilitating degrees

using hybrid models creatively,” Think Tank said. “This umbrella recommendation is intended to maximize student-centeredness by [meeting] the student’s learning, geographic and economic needs.” In order for Wisconsin to reclaim what it has lost in recent years, alternatives include “increasing state tax or student tuition funding for higher education; securing other sources of revenue; enhancing borrowing options; shoring up sagging enrollments; and finding efficiencies through digital learning, new flexibility for campus leaders, or streamlined programs, campuses, or governance,” according to the report. For more information on this study and more Wisconsin Policy Forum research, visit wispoli-tyforum.org.

“Whatcha Think?”

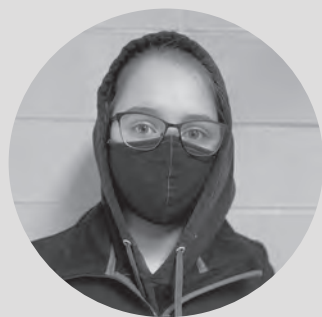
Do you trust Rate My Professors? Why or why not?



Amanda, sophomore
“I do not. In the past I have, and I was pretty impressed by it, it was pretty accurate. But no, typically I don’t. Usually I just try to find people who have had that professor and ask them.”



Andrew, junior
“I do, I just like to know what the professor is like before I see them in person. It’s been pretty accurate in the past, there are times I don’t think it’s perfect, but yeah.”



Makayla, sophomore
“No. I think a lot of people just use their grades to assess how the teacher actually is.”



Paige, sophomore
“I do. But it’s only to see if they’re a good teacher. I don’t leave any ratings, but when it’s time to schedule my classes, it’s like, do I have a good professor or not?”

Academic stereotypes still hold strong

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Long-standing stereotypes have existed for college students and what majors and jobs they chose to go into, but even as gender barriers are being broken gradually with time, stereotypes are still holding strong.

There is widespread perception that certain majors are still dominated by specific genders. It is common to hear that nursing is a female-dominated major and STEM, specifically engineering, is a male-dominated major.

Simply put, women are seen as more nurturing and caregiving, and men are seen as more hands-on and authoritative in their work. Therefore, females are commonly seen as nursing majors, and males are commonly seen as STEM majors.

As hard as it sounds for a male or female to go into a field of study where they are the minority faced with difficulties, individuals are breaking stereotypes.

Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) freshman, Gillian Spuhler, is majoring in mechanical engineering with a minor in mathematics.

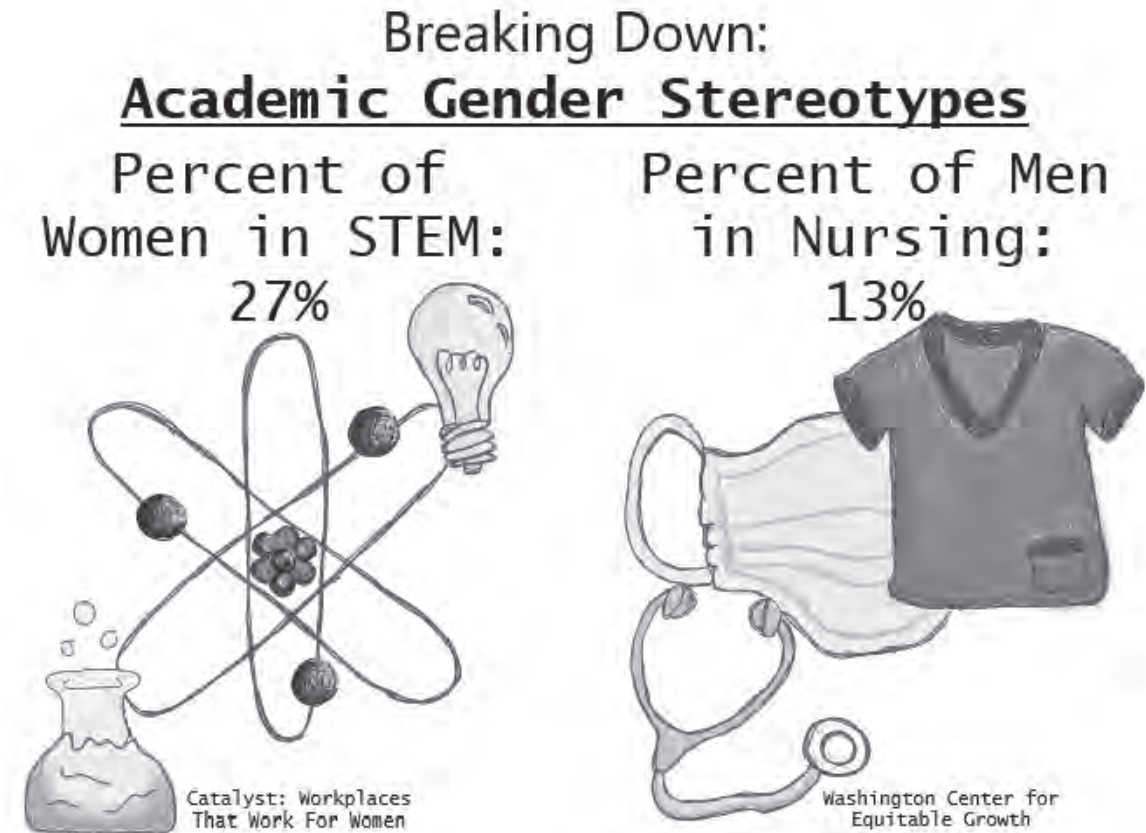
“Many people tend to be impressed and mention the impressiveness of a female going into an engineering field,” Spuhler said.

The Royal Society of Chemistry states that of all scientists who have made game-changing advances throughout history, women account for less than 7% of the total. When the study was repeated for scientists born since 1900, almost 20% are women.

According to bestcolleges.org, old Western culture essentially excluded women from most professions seen as masculine.

As impressive as it is for a woman to be in the STEM field, women have faced a history of misogynistic harassment, which is still moderately present today.

“Most of the guys [at MSOE] are super nice and considerate, but



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there’s the few that feel the need to domineer assignments and projects, and in doing so will tell you that you’re wrong just so they get credit or leadership for the assignments or projects,” Spuhler said.

Even though Spuhler is facing hardship, she enjoys exploring her major and working on things like toys and games, cars and medical equipment that will genuinely impact someone’s life.

There is some good news for women looking to go into the STEM field, though, because in national randomized experiments and validation studies conducted at 371 colleges nationwide by Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences there is a 2:1 preference for women on the STEM tenure track by employers.

As well as women going into the STEM field, men are also crossing over stereotypes and going into nursing.

Former UW Oshkosh student, Darren Kieffer, who is transferring to UW-Steven’s Point in the fall, is majoring in nursing.

“A couple older guys that I work with have given me weird responses [for majoring in nursing],” Kieffer said. “I’ve [also] gotten a lot of positive reactions and overwhelming support from plenty of other people as well.”

According to the Washington Center for Equitable Growth, only 13% of nurses in the United States are men, but that number has grown steadily since 1960, when only 2% of nurses were men.

As stated earlier, women are seen as more caregiving and better suited to be nurses, so seeing males in the field is often seen as surprising.

Figures from Income Data Services reveal that male nurses earn slightly more than their female colleagues and that gap has widened in the last four years. Men are also

more likely to take on senior positions and are disproportionately represented at higher levels.

Even as clear benefits are expressed for men working as nurses, blatant discrimination has been showed to them as well. A male working specifically in maternity or health-visiting placements is typically frowned upon.

There will always be benefits and difficulties in every field of employment, but difficulties should never outweigh the benefits.

“Right now as a CNA, I find the job very fulfilling,” Kieffer said. “My dream is to travel, so pursuing a fulfilling career as a nurse allows me to do that.”

Students are surely breaking gender-related stereotypes of majors they go into, but the rates of females entering STEM and males entering nursing are still extremely low.

Rate My Professors: Awesome or awful?

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Ratemyprofessors.com, the ever popular review-aggregation site where students get to anonymously assess their professors, has been utilized by countless students since its inception in 1999, and still sees 4 million visitors a month, according to its about page. But exactly how helpful is it?

For the uninitiated, on RMP, users can write a review of their professor, give them a rating, scaling from “awful” to “awesome,” assign specific number grades in the categories of “difficulty” and “quality” and provide additional information such as the grade they received, if a textbook was needed or if they would take the class again.

Overall, RMP is a useful tool that can aid you in selecting your classes, but only if you use it right. In other words, there is value to be found here, but only if you dig for it.

I believe the most common misuse of RMP happens when users base their judgement off of the ag-

gregate score provided at the top of any professor’s page.

First of all, the accuracy of the number, being an average, is largely contingent on the amount of reviews there are. For UW Oshkosh professors, the amount of reviews on professors ranges from one to 238, so caution must be applied.

So, if you ever see a professor with a 1.0 quality rating, make sure the rating is not just due to a lone, irate student who labels the professor a “terrible professor and even worse person” (an actual review for a UWO professor) just because they missed the deadline for their term paper.

This is not to say that any negative should be brushed off, of course. In the end, it is up to the user to make good judgements. If there are tons of negative reviews all with common, fair critiques, then it is probably safe to assume that the advice should be heeded.

One of the other big critiques of RMP is that it is more of an indicator of how easy of a grader the professor is rather than how “good” the

professor is.

This concept is quite easily proven thanks to the fact that you can sort professors by “least difficult” on any university, and, if you do, you will see a deluge of professors with overwhelmingly positive quality ratings appear on your screen.

Just as overwhelmingly negative reviews beg caution, it is true that very positive reviews can be equally misleading. It goes without saying that professors who are more lenient with their grading are much more likely to be heralded as phenomenal at their job.

If you are looking for really easy professors to have, particularly when picking gen-eds, then this is very helpful, but when looking for professors who you will actually get a lot from, not so much.

In both cases, the faults with using RMP for advice stem from users’ proclivity towards hyperbole.

Personally, I think one of the more helpful aspects of RMP is the “tags” feature. On each review, users can select up to three of a multitude of tags, ranging from “test heavy” to

“tough grader” to “hilarious.”

While the number ratings and written reviews can be useful, they are too often riddled with bias to be consistently helpful. On the other hand, the tags are generally more factual because they just provide simple tidbits on how the professor runs the class.

The effectiveness of these tags is because of their simplicity. When scouting professors ahead of time, every bit of information that I actually want to know, or will shape my decision, is found within these tags.

Are there a lot of tests? Papers? Is it lecture-heavy? Are there so many readings that I will want to claw my eyeballs out? All are seldom answered in the reviews, but often so in the tags.

While some, like “caring” and “tough grader” are a bit more subjective, they still do a good job to paint a general picture.

Everything being considered, RMP can still be a helpful tool for students when looking for what classes to take if you know what you’re looking for.

Sports

Titans wallop Warhawks in only game of week

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The UW Oshkosh men’s basketball team decisively beat UW-Whitewater 78-59 in Whitewater last Friday to move into second place in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) East Division with a 2-1 record.

The Titans never trailed in the only game against the Warhawks — Wednesday’s game was canceled due to COVID-19 complications — and they were led in scoring by senior guard Eddie Muench who had 25 points while shooting 11-for-16 from the field and three-for-six behind the three-point line.

The team’s ability to find their identity has allowed them to ride a two-game winning streak after dropping their first game of the season against UW-Platteville by a score of 88-75 on Feb. 3.

“Our guys have done a great job of figuring out who we are. We are a tough, selfless group that invests a ton of time into each other,” head coach Matt Lewis said.

As a team, UWO outshot UWW from the field 53% to 41%, and Whitewater did not make a single three-pointer in 15 attempts. The Titans also decisively outrebounded the Warhawks 39-27 and won the assists battle 12-4.

The team’s scoring depth has been its main strength over the course of the first three games. Six different UWO players put up at least six points against UWW. The ability to operate with a pass-first mentality has helped the Titans in being able to spread the high scoring numbers across the roster.

“We really like our depth and that every guy on our team wants to win,” Lewis said. “They recognize that each of them is talented and capable of scoring, but we are at our best when we play unselfishly and share the basketball.”



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Rebounding and draining three-pointers have been two huge components when it comes to whether the Titans win a game or not this year. The Titans are averaging 42 rebounds per game in wins and 31 rebounds per game in losses. They’re also making 50% of their three pointers in wins compared to only 41% in losses.

As a result of this depth, Oshkosh is shooting a WIAC second-best 48% from the field and a WIAC best 46.5% from behind the three-point line.

Lewis has also admired the team’s ability to come back and perform well after not playing a game against an opposing school in almost a calendar year. He understands and is impressed by each athlete’s ability to juggle their school responsibilities with the uncertainty of playing a college sport during a pandemic.

“It’s hard to believe it’s been 11

months since we were sent home from school in March 2020,” Lewis said. “The pandemic has altered our normal routine for in-and out-of-season.”

Although the team currently possesses a winning record at 2-1, limiting turnovers has been an issue that Lewis is looking to refine. Oshkosh is averaging 16 turnovers a game through its first three games of competition, which is the most of any team in the WIAC.

“We must take care of the basketball. In our three games, we

have had loose, unforced turnovers that have led to too many turnovers in each game,” Lewis said. “We must adjust and be stronger with the basketball.”

The team is last in the WIAC with a turnover margin of -6.33.

UWO played a game on Wednesday on UW-Stevens Point’s home court, and the results can be found on the UWO athletics page.

The team has a home game tomorrow in its second of two games against UWSP before wrapping up its regular season with games

against UW-Eau Claire on Feb. 24 and Feb. 26.

Lewis acknowledges that the team has a couple of key points of emphasis to hone in on in order to finish the last four games out strong before the WIAC tournament commences in March.

“It’s only been three games, but we have learned a lot about ourselves,” Lewis said. “We know that we must protect the lane and finish plays if we want to be successful. We have to continue to focus on this each and every day.”

Swim and dive impresses in unscored event

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UW Oshkosh’s swim and dive team made a splash in Albee Hall’s pool last weekend, taking on UW-La Crosse in an exhibition meet that was not scored against UWL on Saturday.

This is the UWO swim and dive team’s second meet of the season. All of the swimmers and divers are taking this season a little differently.

“As a senior on the team this year with the uncertainty of getting to return for a final season, I think that this season means the most to me of my four years,” said David Bain, a senior winner in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 56.87. “While not being a normal conclusion to an athletics career, I feel as though I can be thankful that I get a chance to swim a number of final races.”

Sophomore diver Allie Wucak placed second on the one-meter dive with a score of 184.12.

“Even though we do not have a conference, I think that this season is super important,” Wucak said.

“I see this season as an opportunity to learn and improve new dives for next competition season.”

Wucak added, “I am trying to perfect some of my voluntary dives, as well as a few of my optionals, so I can max out my scores.”

Given the different circumstances of this season, Bain said it was difficult to prepare for this season when he didn’t know what to expect.

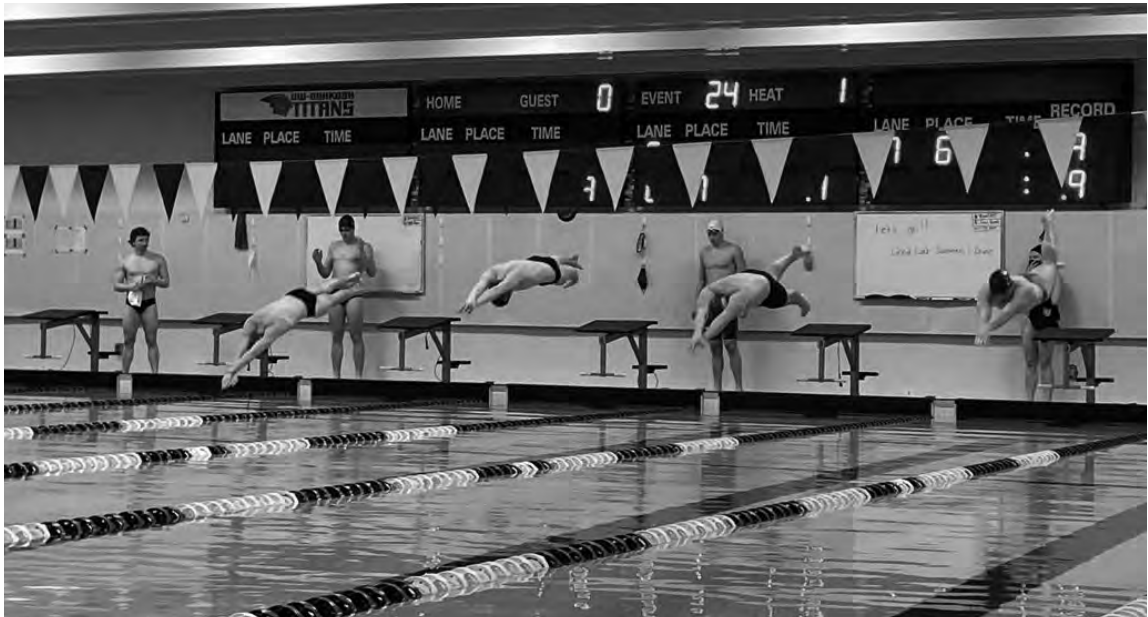
“Preparation for this season was quite different than any past season due to pool and gym closures,” he said. “Thankfully, I had the opportunity to swim regularly throughout the summer, which I believe has allowed me to return well prepared for a successful season.”

As this season will see no swimming or diving championships, Wucak said she is already setting goals for next season.

“For next season, I would like to make finals again on both boards in our conference meet,” she said. “As a freshman last year, I placed seventh on the one-meter

board and eighth on three-meter during our conference finals. I would love to do it again and even improve.”

Both Bain and Wucak look to finish this season strong as they look forward to competing against UW-Whitewater this weekend and then UW-Eau Claire the following weekend.



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Seniors Leah Porath (left) and Nikki Arneson (middle) defend the paint against UW-Whitewater as UW Oshkosh takes the game by a score of 69-51 at Kolf Sports Center on Feb. 12. April Lee / Advance-Titan

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The UW Oshkosh women’s basketball team swept UW-Whitewater in wins on Feb. 10 and Feb. 12 by scores of 73-68 and 69-51 to go 3-1 for the season.

After dropping their home opener against UW-Platteville by a score of 74-68 on Feb. 3, the Titans have gone on a three-game winning streak and have taken sole possession of the lead in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference’s East Division ahead of UW-Stevens Point, UWW and UWP.

“We’ve just gotten better every game, and that’s kind of been our theme since we started practicing in October,” head coach Brad Fischer said. “Every game we have gotten sharper. Our defense has gotten a ton better over the last two weeks. I think our players are starting to develop some chemistry.”

Senior guard Leah Porath was the leading scorer in both games against UWW with 25 points on Feb. 10 and 20 points on Feb. 12. Porath was also named to the five player D3hoops.com Women’s Basketball Team of the Week for her performance between Feb. 8 to Feb. 14.

Contributions from younger players, such as freshman guard Kennedy Osterman, who had a combined 13 points in both games against UWW, aided the Titans in their wins against the

2020 nationally ranked Warhawks.

“Kennedy, at Whitewater, played a ton of good minutes and really took care of the ball. I think the future is super bright,” Fischer said. “You need your point guards to become leaders regardless of class.”

The Titans’ ability to stick to their game plan also contributed to the sweep of UWW, which is something that has not happened in years.

“The key to the wins was us staying disciplined, poised and sticking to the game plan on offense and defense,” said senior center Karsyn Rueth, who had 20 points combined in the two games against Whitewater. “It felt so good to sweep Whitewater last week. It was my class’s first time doing that since coming here as freshmen.”

Another huge reason for this historic sweep was the women’s basketball team’s ability to spread the ball around to multiple deep shooting threats. As a team, Oshkosh shot 32% from behind the three-point line with six different players making at least one shot from behind the arc in one of the games against UWW.

This depth of shooters is not something that the team has possessed very consistently in the past due to lack of confidence when far away from the basket.

“You need to have multiple threats on the floor,” Fischer said. “I think in the past we’ve

been somewhat limited at times with a couple of players on the floor that didn’t really feel comfortable shooting it.”

With the wins against Whitewater, Oshkosh has now won nine of its last 10 games stemming back through last year’s playoff competition and all the way to its 88-49 win against UW-River Falls on Feb. 22, 2020. The team’s season was cut short as they went into the third round of the NCAA tournament.

“This year’s team, I believe, would be able to make it farther than last year’s team did solely because I think we have proven we locked in and want to win more than anything this year,” Rueth said. “This year’s team is also experienced losing more games than usual last year so we know we do not want another conference season like last year.”

Oshkosh had a home game against UWSP on Wednesday, and the results can be found on the UWO athletics tab. The Titans will next play UWSP again tomorrow in Stevens Point with a tip-off time of 7 p.m.

The team will continue to look at its performances and quickly learn from them in order to better itself for the rest of the season.

“Nothing is guaranteed this year for our games and tournaments, so it’s nice to have little bench marks every couple of days to see where you’re at,” Fischer said.

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YEARS

This week in UWO history

Feb. 18, 1960 — Massachusetts Democratic senator and presidential candidate John F. Kennedy speaks to an overflow audience in the school’s Little Theater. The main topic of his remarks concerns the South American farewell tour that outgoing President Dwight D. Eisenhower is about to embark on. This marked Kennedy’s lone major political appearance in Wisconsin to date. View his remarks at jfklibrary.org/archives/other-resources/john-f-kennedy-speeches/oshkosh-wi-19600218

Feb. 19, 1960 — Richard Mitchell of the Israel-American Institute of Biblical Studies presents “Rebirth of the Nation of Israel” at Reeve Union’s TV lounge. His talk and accompanying slides describe the many historical places of the country and the many improvements made to the former desolate land to help make it habitable and productive.

Feb. 20, 1920 — Students, formerly servicemen of the radio corps, establish a wireless station on the roof of the Normal School. They could receive messages from Manitowoc and Neenah. Amateurs in Oshkosh have not yet been able to send messages.

Feb. 21, 1994 — Ex-FBI agent Robert Ressler speaks about his experiences with serial killers – the term he is credited with coining – and violence in society in front of about 800 people in Reeve Memorial Union Square. He worked on cases involving Jeffrey Dahmer, Charles Mason, John Wayne Gacey and Ted Bundy.

Feb. 22, 1983 — A resolution stating Oshkosh as a nuclear-free zone is passed by the Oshkosh Student Association Senate. The resolution and its 13-1 passage would make the campus off limit to design-testing, production, transportation and deployment of nuclear weapons. A later Assembly vote is needed to make this an official OSA stance. Oshkosh becomes the second Wisconsin school to pass such a resolution, following Marquette University.

Feb. 23, 1994 — Thirty-one Oshkosh custodians win the \$15.7 Million Megabucks jackpot. After taxes, each one will receive about \$14,000 annually for 25 years. The group began purchasing tickets two years ago, usually waiting until the Powerball lottery hit \$20 million before purchasing Megabucks and Powerball tickets.

Information from UW Oshkosh Archivist Joshua Ranger.

Arts & Entertainment

Roe Park ice rink hosting free movie night

Ice skate while watching Disney’s Frozen 2 on a blowup screen

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A new ice rink has been introduced at Roe Park in downtown Oshkosh and will host a movie night on Friday, Feb. 19 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Disney’s Frozen 2 will play on a jumbo blowup screen while visitors have the option to either skate around the rink while the movie plays or bring a chair and blanket to watch.

Concessions will be available from Carrot and Kale, an organic juice bar and cafe located on Algoma Boulevard.

The Roe Park ice rink, a collaboration of public and private entities located at 408 Washington Ave., opened to the public on Jan. 19.

Open from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day, the rink provides an outdoor escape for people looking to have some safe and inexpensive winter fun.

“Just having this rink here in our community is going to be a huge bonus,” Recreation Director Kabel Helmbrecht said. “Give people some outdoor activities to do.”

Free skate rentals provided by Dr. Eric’s Skate Club will be available on most Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 3 to 7 p.m. when the rink is open.

Dr. Eric, or Eric Smiltneek, started a skate club in 2014 as part of an Oshkosh Area School District initiative to encourage life-long fitness and healthy living for area students.

Dr. Eric’s Skate Club still meets regularly at Menominee Park, providing free skates, hockey equipment and more to participants.

Oshkosh Parks Department Director Ray Maurer said that the construction of the rink, funded by



Michael J. Cooney

The Roe Park ice rink, which opened mid-January in downtown Oshkosh by the YMCA, is open from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day.

generous donations, was requested by people who wanted to do something in the winter closer to the downtown area.

“The department has been funding an ice skating rink in Millers Bay at Menominee Park since 2010,” Maurer said. “And after a few years at Riverside Park, we have moved the free outdoor ice skating rink to Roe Park.”

Maurer said that the department quickly realized the flaws of the Riverside Park location after opening.

“The challenge at that site was that it was not a very level rink,” Maurer said. “There was about

a foot difference in pitch, which made it very difficult to get it frozen decently.”

Maurer explained that the department was constantly replacing the liner of the rink, which quickly became very expensive.

“Staff from the department made alterations to the rink,” Maurer said. “But ultimately, because the water wouldn’t freeze in the deep end, we finally just decided we couldn’t continue to replace the liner, so was there another location?”

Maurer said that the location of the new rink is much better, as with no river nearby, it cannot be-

come a “wind tunnel” like Riverside did.

“The Roe Park rink is a lot leveler and at a good location near the YMCA,” Maurer said.

Since opening, the Roe Park ice rink has been popular among Oshkosh residents of all ages.

“From what we’re hearing, especially from YMCA staff and the general public, this rink has been used more this year than other years at previous rink locations,” Maurer said. “It’s heavily used this year.”

Maurer said that Dr. Eric’s Skate Club has been a huge asset to the rink, but the problem has been get-

ting volunteers to help distribute the free skate rentals.

“Unfortunately with the colder weather now, the volunteers aren’t real keen on coming out in these conditions,” Maurer said. “So we’ve had to cancel those free skate nights simply due to a lack of volunteers.”

If you or anyone you know may be interested in volunteering, you can visit the Oshkosh Parks Facebook page and message them or find more information there.

Also be sure to follow Oshkosh Parks Department on Facebook for the latest rink event updates.

Earn prizes when you join the new Titan Movement Club

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Quarantine has done its fair share of damage to both the mental and physical health of almost every individual of every age and background.

We’ve endured gym closings, stress-eating, laziness, lack of motivation and the list goes on.

With the introduction of some new activities and events, the UW Oshkosh Student Recreation and Wellness Center aims to help students get back on their feet and continue to maintain healthy, active lifestyles as COVID-19 continues.

The SRWC has announced a new virtual space called the Titan Movement Club, designed to help students stay active, have an outlet for positivity and encouragement, and be given the chance to win prizes. The SRWC has already given out Blender Bottles to ten

random participants just for joining the club.

The free program uses the activity tracking app Strava to track progress and conquer weekly challenges. Strava allows you to manually enter and record activity either connected to a smartwatch or simply using a phone.

In fact, the Week 1 Movement Challenge starts this week. By completing the challenge by Sunday, Feb. 21, participants are entered to win an SRWC meal storage container.

To enter the challenge, all you have to do is post any two activities, such as weightlifting or cardio, to the Titan Movement Club Strava Page. Activities that you log in Strava will automatically get posted onto the Titan Movement Club page.

On the homepage of the TMC club, Strava automatically generates a “Leaderboard” that only counts activities involving jog-

ging, biking or swimming. For the purposes of the club, staff will be focusing only on the “Recent Activity” board, which includes all types of movement, to track activities and award prizes.

The Week 1 challenge will be the easiest movement challenge and is designed mainly to get students familiarized with the Strava page.

In addition to logging your own activity, the SRWC encourages you to give support to other students and comment on their activities. Workout photos taken in the app are also encouraged.

Once signed up, you can expect to receive an update every Monday revealing the next weekly challenge. Many of the upcoming weekly challenges won’t even require you to complete them at the SRWC.

For more information regarding the Titan Movement Club, check your school email for recent mes-

sages from the SRWC or reach out to them at (920) 424-1245 or studentrecreation@uwosh.edu.

Otherwise, if you’re looking for a fun weekend activity or something to train for this Spring, the SRWC is also hosting a “Row-Ride-Run” Indoor Triathlon on Saturday, March 13 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In groups of four, racers will compete at three different stations with the objective being traveling the furthest distance in the allotted time.

Participants will control their own distance and pace, doing about 10 minutes of rowing on machines, 30 minutes of biking using stationary bikes, and 20 minutes of running using the indoor track.

Titan Movement Club members can participate in this event to complete the Week 4 Challenge, but Week 4 will have additional options to complete that week’s challenge if you are not interested

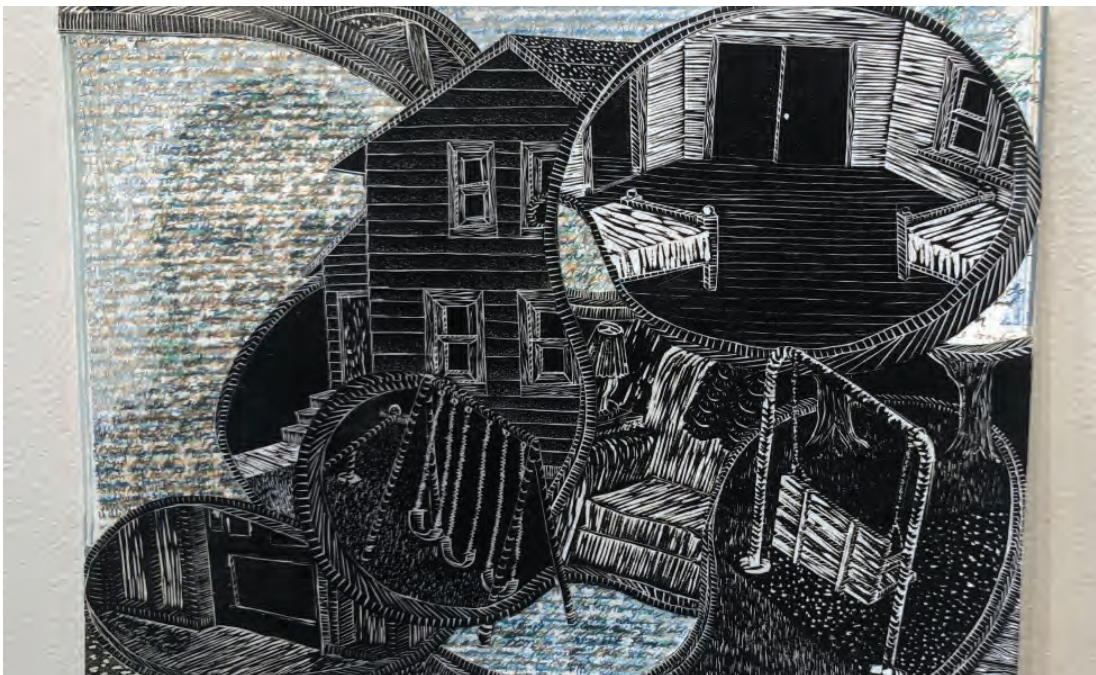
in the triathlon.

This event is limited in space, allowing only 40 people max, so if you are interested, be sure to sign up online right away. Registration begins Monday, Feb. 8 and ends Thursday, March 11.

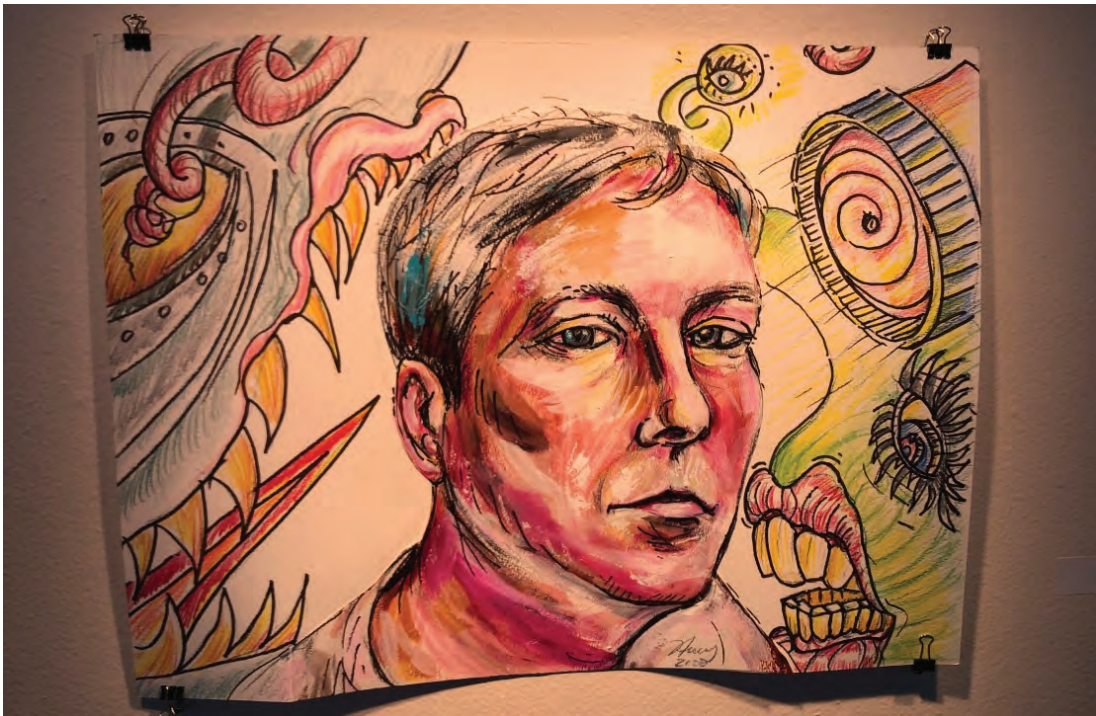


Hunter Ward, UWO senior, working to complete the TMC Week 1 Challenge.

“Zoom” art exhibition features a playful spin on COVID-19



This printmaking and mixed media artwork by Gail Panske is one of 13 items in the exhibit.



A drawing by Bill Greider displaying his own representation of himself attending a Zoom meeting.

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The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly changed many things in our everyday lives. For many of us, the use of video platforms such as Zoom, Collaborate Ultra, Microsoft Teams or FaceTime has become part of our daily routines, whether it be a necessary part of our job, education or the way we stay in touch with friends and family. The Gail Floether Steinhilber Art Gallery in Reeve Union is currently hosting “Zoom,” an ArtSpace Collective Members Exhibition, until March 5th. The exhibit features self-portraits created by current members of ArtSpace Collective. Each member created a representation of themselves attending a Zoom meeting.

The artists were inspired by the multitude of things that can occur during video conferencing, including adding photos and special effects to their video image. Original artworks were created using a variety of media including oil and watercolor, printmaking, fiber, drawing and mixed media. Participating artists and current ArtSpace Collective members are Cristian Andersson, Deb Bartlet, Jim Evans, Deb Konen, Pat Filzen, Bill Greider, Sue Hazelberg, Renee Koch, Kevin McGannon, Gail Panske, Dane Pecore, Mel Kolsstad, Jason Ryf, Barb Rosenthol and Stephanie Whittaker. The Gail Floether Steinhilber Art Gallery is located on the third floor of Reeve Union. To get there, come in through the Reeve entrance facing Evans Hall and go up the flight of stairs on your left. The gallery is at the top of the second

flight. The gallery is open during the 28-week academic year Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and weekends from noon to 5 p.m. Works by local, regional and nationally recognized artists, as well as by the university’s students, faculty and staff are exhibited in the gallery. The Gail Floether Steinhilber Art Gallery is committed to the enrichment of cultural life on campus, in the community and throughout the Fox Valley. The gallery exists primarily to serve UW Oshkosh students and present work that is intriguing, inspiring, thought provoking, and at times socially challenging, yet always in keeping with the university’s institutional excellence.

Blue Tunes

This week’s selected playlist strictly features blue cover art. Thematically and stylistically, the songs are varied. Voyou’s delicate piano in “Il neige” meanders through the song as peacefully as a river, and is as quietly somber as a stream. La Femme’s “Exorciseur” features a plucky tune with a whispering psych-rock climax. Ethan Fields’ cover of Mike Posner’s “Cooler Than Me” brings out the aggressive side

of the passive-aggressive lyrics, with raw punk energy to boot. In Australian musician Caribou’s “New Jade,” a piano track dances above a firm-but-steady beat of bass and snare, finished off with a longing vocal track. Finally, Ben Mazué’s “J’attends,” featuring Pomme, begins with a clean acoustic riff which leads into a refrain punctuated with vocals that satisfy like a deep sigh.

J’attends
Ben Mazué
Les femmes idéale
2018



New Jade
Dan Snaith
Suddenly
2020

Cooler Than Me
Cover
Ethan Fields
2020



Exorciseur
La Femme
Mystère
2016

Il neige
Voyou
Les bruits de la ville
2019



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