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## UWO's evolution through the years

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Last Sunday, a celebration was held in honor of UW Oshkosh's 150th anniversary, but the school has gone through many changes to become what it's known today.

"Over the past 150 years, UW Oshkosh has had five names, each representing a different mission and role within higher education in Wisconsin," UWO Archivist Joshua Ranger said.

UWO began as the Oshkosh State Normal School in 1871 with the sole purpose of educating high school graduates to become teachers.

The school, led by President George S. Albee, opened with eight faculty members and 43 enrolled students attending the first day of classes, according to the UWO website.

Ranger said that some programs only took a year, while others required three, and later four, years to complete.

"Because of this variety of program lengths, for over 50 years, the Normal could only provide diplomas, not undergraduate degrees, to its graduates," Ranger said. "Over time, this disadvantaged our students in the workplace as some high schools wouldn't hire them or at least pay them the rate teachers with degrees received."

Oshkosh was the third normal school in Wisconsin and was the first normal school in the nation to have a kindergarten, according to the UWO website.

Tuition was free at the Oshkosh State Normal School as long as the students planned to teach in a public Wisconsin school.

Throughout the years, the school underwent several name changes including the Oshkosh State Teachers College in 1927 and the Wisconsin State College Oshkosh in 1951.

"By 1949, the school had developed a very popular junior college sequence for students with no intention of teaching with the idea they would then transfer to a four-year school to finish their degrees," Ranger said. "With over one-third of the school enrolled in this program, it was clear we had become more than just an education school. This convinced the legislature to allow us to offer other majors and so in 1951, we started offering liberal arts degrees and we became Oshkosh State College."

"Some of the first majors were in core subjects like English, history and the sciences, but new programs grew quickly," Ranger said.

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UW Oshkosh celebrated 150 years of academic instruction last Sunday. Back in 1871, when the school opened, it was just a teachers college referred to as the Oshkosh Normal School.

## UWO celebrates 150 years

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UW Oshkosh celebrated 150 years of being an educational institution last Sunday by hosting a variety of events outdoors.

UWO, originally called the Oshkosh Normal School in 1871, threw a sesquicentennial celebration between Dempsey Hall and the Halsey Science Center. That included live band performances, trivia, free food, food trucks and much more.

Leading up to Sunday, Chancellor Andrew Leavitt said he was looking ahead to a day of learning and enjoyable activities for all students.

"It will be a very informative and educational experience, and at the same time [it will be] a lot of fun," said Leavitt, who took over as the UWO chancellor in 2014. "There are a lot of bands, music, games and it's just going to be a great time to be outside and

amongst other Titans."

Live bands performing on the main stage included 'The Astronomers', 'The Jazz Orgy' and a special 150th anniversary committee.

Ken Yerkes and 'The Present Age' performed on the side stage.

A small petting zoo, consisting of only a snake that was allowed to be passed around to nearby spectators, was sponsored by the UWO cross country team.

There were also various booths giving out prizes for those who got the correct answers to trivia questions about UWO's history.

As the 150th celebration arrived, Leavitt reflected on UWO's history as one that constantly emphasized the importance of progress and adjusting with the times.

"The history of UW Oshkosh over the last 150 years is progressive in the sense that I think this has always been a place of innovation from our very founding," he said. "We are the first and only university in the country who runs

a Head Start program."

UWO Archivist Joshua Ranger stated that the university has come a long way dating back to its roots as the Oshkosh Normal School for teachers.

"I am sure those early faculty would be amazed at how much we've grown in our mission since those early days," he said. "The point of the Normals was to train people to become teachers in K-12th grades and rural one-room schools," Ranger said.

"In 1951, we started offering bachelor's degrees in things beyond education and then soon we were adding other professional programs like business and nursing. [We have come]

a long way from the small Oshkosh Normal school."

As Leavitt reflected on the current status of the 150-year-old university, he identified areas that needed growth in order to assure that the university, and those attending it, have a more prosperous future.

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- Joshua Ranger,  
UWO Archivist

of progressiveness and innovation that has taken us through the first 150 years, so that's what I hope for the second 150 years."



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# Algae blooms create toxicity

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Algae blooms can be toxic to humans and wildlife, but Wisconsin lacks a system that routinely tests for blue-green algae or blue-green algal toxins in its 15,000 lakes, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) website.

“Harmful algal blooms are rapidly reproducing populations of cyanobacteria caused by a favorable set of conditions, including an overabundance of nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus, warm temperatures, light availability and calm weather,” according to the Department of Health Services (DHS) Harmful Algal Blooms Toolkit.

Cyanobacteria, or blue-green algae, can produce a variety of toxins that are poisonous to people, pets and wildlife.

Exposure to the most common cyanotoxin, microcystin, can lead to short-term symptoms like nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and sore throat, and long-term problems like liver failure and cancer, according to an Environmental Working Group (EWG) study.

Despite the potential dangers, Wisconsin doesn’t have a routine monitoring program to test for microcystin every year.

The state collects samples only when a human or animal illness potentially caused by cyanotoxins is reported to the state DHS through the Wisconsin Harmful Algal Bloom Surveillance Program.

“Since testing is conducted only in response to an illness report, the Wisconsin surveillance program does not capture the total picture of algae bloom issues in the state,” the EWG study said. “Wisconsin has 15,000 lakes, but since 2010, only 20 were tested through this program.”

Blue-green algae, often referred to as “pond scum,” are usually green but can also be blue, tan, reddish-purple or brown and generally grow in lakes, ponds and slow-moving streams, according to the DNR website.

“In Wisconsin, blue-green algae blooms generally occur between mid-June and late-September, although in rare instances, blooms

have been observed in winter, even under the ice,” the DNR website said.

UW Oshkosh associate professor of biology and microbiology Robert Pillsbury said that blue-green algae grow best in relatively warm water with lots of phosphorus.

“Blue-green algae have always been around in Wisconsin but became much more of a problem when European settlers cleared the land for timber and farming, increasing erosion which led to more phosphorus going into the lakes,” Pillsbury said. “Sewage from livestock and humans and industrial waste, all of which was fairly unregulated at the time, also contributed to increased phosphorus and, therefore, increased algal blooms.”

Pillsbury said that once the Clean Water Act was implemented, there was an overall improvement in water quality and fewer algae blooms.

“But now, with warmer water and more major storm events due to climate change, we are starting to see more algal blooms once again,” he said.

Despite federal regulations, excess nutrients from human activities, such as fertilizers, wastewater, automobile exhaust and animal waste, are among the most prevalent causes of water quality impairment in the U.S., according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website.

Pillsbury said the best way to lessen the effects of blue-green algae blooms is to keep excess phosphorus out of the system.

“We have done a decent job preventing waste from industry and human sewage out of our waterways, but we still need to limit the use of fertilizers in our yards and farm fields,” Pillsbury said. “We also need better regulations for animal wastes.”

UWO’s Sustainability Institute for Regional Transformations has recently established the Winnebago Pool Lakes Harmful Algae Blooms Project to research algae blooms in the Lake Winnebago System and gain an understanding of how the public perceives and responds to harmful algal blooms.

“The project is unique because it’s interdisciplinary,” UWO senior lecturer for biology and en-



Courtesy of Shannon Davis-Foust

UWO’s Sustainability Institute for Regional Transformations has recently established the Winnebago Pool Lakes Harmful Algae Blooms Project. This project helps the public understand how harmful the algae blooms are.

vironmental studies Shannon Davis-Foust said. “We are looking at not only the level of toxins in the water, the biological and chemical parameters, but we’re also looking at people’s perceptions of the water in terms of if they think it could harm them and also what they know about the causes of algae blooms.”

Davis-Foust said she has been surprised at the variety of people’s responses and levels of knowledge regarding algae blooms.

“The algae blooms are perhaps the most harmful things out on the lake for us, and yet they seem to be the least known,” she said.

Davis-Foust said the researchers have three locations in the Winnebago Lake System that they try to test weekly — Menominee Park, Lake Winneconne and High Cliff, but they also try to visit places where they know there’s algae blooms or want to inspect for one.

“We picked those three locations because they’ve all been known to have algae blooms, and they’re also the three main swimming access points on the lake system,” Davis-Foust said.

The EPA developed swimming advisory levels which local health departments can use as a basis for issuing warnings or closing public beaches, according to the DNR website.

However, since most local health departments in Wisconsin are unable to monitor blue-green algae toxins at public beaches, the DNR website advises people to treat any accumulation of blue-green algae with caution and, “when in doubt, stay out!”

To report significant blue-green algae blooms to the DNR, email DNRHABS@wisconsin.gov with the location of the bloom, the name of the water body, nearest town, county, the size and duration of the bloom and overall and close-up photographs for verification.

For more information on blue-green algae, including symptoms of exposure and environmental concerns, visit the DNR Blue-Green Algae webpage.

To learn more about UWO’s Winnebago Pool Lakes Harmful Algae Blooms Project visit uwosh.edu/sirt/wpl/ or email sirt@uwosh.edu with questions.

# Evolving: Examining UWO’s history

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“In 1964, the school needed to re-organize itself into different schools, later called colleges, of liberal arts, education and a graduate program,” Ranger said. “By doing this we became a true university and our name became Wisconsin State University, Oshkosh.”

Wisconsin State University, Oshkosh was the largest of the nine schools in the WSU-System.

“Nursing and business programs were soon added, and by this point were offering a huge array of undergraduate majors and graduate degrees and growing by 1,000 students a year, this being the height of when

the baby boomers were entering college age,” Ranger said. “We were hiring faculty like crazy and constructing new buildings to hold everyone.”

Ranger said the impact of campus on the city and region grew exponentially, and there were even plans to grow the campus to 20,000 and add PhD. programs and a law school.

However, in 1971, the State University merged into the University of Wisconsin systems and became the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh which brought on several innovations to the school.

“Economic changes and other factors led us to curtail some of our wilder plans and focus on

becoming one of Wisconsin’s stellar regional comprehensive universities, often the largest of that group,” Ranger said. “Our role then is to provide East Central Wisconsin and the Fox Valley with a core set of majors as well as some specialized professional opportunities, which, of course, still includes our excellent College of Education and Human Services.”

Other changes included a new academic calendar with 14-week semesters and three-week interim sessions, as well as a Faculty Development Program, according to the UWO website.

In 2018, the university expanded to three campuses and now includes UWO Fond du Lac

and UWO Fox Valley in addition to the original UWO campus.

Today, under the leadership of Chancellor Andrew J. Leavitt, UWO is the third largest university in Wisconsin with an annual on- and off-campus enrollment of nearly 14,000.

“You know, when we opened in 1871, our first president, George Albee, claimed that ‘Intelligence for the many, not the few’ was to be our motto,” Ranger said. “It’s the same today — with our three campuses and associate through doctorate degrees, we are holding to that 150-year promise of democratic access to higher education and we should all feel proud of that.”



# Sports

## Calendar



### Thursday

Women’s Tennis  
Wisconsin Lutheran College  
(Postponed)

### Friday

Women’s Volleyball  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
(Minn.)  
5:00 p.m.  
Sandy Schumacher Memorial  
tournament @ Eau Claire

### Saturday

Women’s Cross Country  
@ UW-Whitewater  
Tom Huffman Invitational  
10 a.m.

Women’s Golf  
@ Division 3 Classic  
Hastings, Minnesota  
10 a.m.

Women’s Soccer  
Carroll College  
@ J.J Keller Field  
10:45 a.m.

Women’s Volleyball  
St. Catherine’s University  
Sandy Schumacher Invitational  
Tournament @ Eau Claire  
9:30 a.m.

Augsburg University  
Sandy Schumacher Invitational  
Tournament @ Eau Claire  
1:30 p.m.

### Sunday

Women’s Golf  
Division 3 Classic (continued)

### Wednesday

Women’s Tennis  
vs. Milwaukee School of Engineering  
@ J.J Keller Field  
3 p.m.

Womens Soccer  
@ North Central College (Ill.)  
7 p.m.

Women’s Volleyball  
@ UW-La Crosse  
7 p.m.



Courtesy of the UWO athletics

# UWO inducts largest class yet into Titan Hall of Fame

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UW Oshkosh will be inducting a record-high 10 people into the school’s athletic Hall of Fame in 2021.

The 2021 UWO Hall of Fame class features a mix of former student athletes, coaches and administrators in the athletic department.

This year’s induction class includes former student-athletes Blaine Felsman (football, wrestling), Willy Kaul (cross country, track and field), Greg Henschel (soccer), Ayla (Mitchell) Helland (cross country, track and field), Erin (LeRoy) Klump (swimming and diving), Terri (Schwamb) Kruse (track and field), Rich Schroeder (baseball), Rob Stoltz (football, baseball), former student-athlete and coach Ted Van Dellen (basketball) and current sports information director Kennan Timm.

Timm, inducted after 37 years of service in the athletic department, said that this year’s Hall of Fame induction class was larger than normal due to the fact that there were no inductees in 2020 because

of the pandemic and the overwhelming athletic talent at UWO in recent history.

“We enlarged the inductee amount to 10 to kind of make up for the year lost and due to the overwhelming success of our athletic program in both the men’s and women’s side,” said Timm, who is on the induction board with 12 others.

He said 10 inductees were chosen from 18 candidates to be a part of the 2021 Hall of Fame class.

Timm also said there are currently 115 candidates eligible for the Hall of Fame going into next year, including the eight who did not get selected for this year’s class.

“Those are people who met all of the criterias that are eligible to be inducted,” he said. “15 people received votes as well,”

Helland, who claimed five All-America citations and six conference championships in track and field while also winning two NCAA Division-III titles in 2009, said that she was not expecting to be told that she was getting inducted into the Hall of Fame, but that she was thankful for the opportunity.

“I was surprised to get the phone call and was very excited and grateful that they thought of me,” Helland said.

Felsman, who finished second in the heavyweight division at the 1976 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Championship for wrestling and was named to the All-WIAC Second Team for football in 1977, said that his great connection to the university made the honor of being inducted into the Hall of Fame so much more special.

“This is a phenomenal honor for

me after many years. UWO has been like a second family to me, even after attending and competing for so many years,” Felsman said. “[I have] so many great memories of great coaches and teammates.”

Timm, who has been the host media relations director for the finals of 31 NCAA Division III Championships as well as over 50 Division III regional tournaments throughout his ongoing 37 year tenure as UWO’s sports information director, expressed a great amount of gratitude in being able to be a part of an athletic department that is as accomplished as UWO’s.

“I have been totally blessed to be here for 37 years,” he said. “I am very proud to be a part of an athletic program that has enjoyed a tremendous amount of success at the conference and national levels.”

The induction ceremony will take place on Nov. 7 at the Culver Family Welcome Center. Tickets for the ceremony are \$25 for anyone over the age of four. They will be sold on uwosh.universitytickets.com until 10 a.m. Nov. 3.

“UWO has been like a second family to me.”

- Blaine Felsman, former football player/wrestler

# Raddatz, Grant recognized for their play

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Two UW Oshkosh football freshmen were chosen as the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Kwik Trip Football Players of the Week.

Carson Raddatz and Jaylen Grant were recognized for their play during their season-opening 28-24 win against Huntington College in Montgomery, Alabama on Sept. 4.

Grant was announced the special teams player of the week as a return specialist, while Raddatz was named defensive player of



Grant

Raddatz

the week as a free safety.

Grant, who averaged 46.5 yards per return, returned his first kick-off 59 yards, which resulted in a Titan touchdown the following play and evened the score up at 7 in the first quarter.

Not playing an organized game

in over two years, Grant said he missed the simple things about being able to play again.

“It felt good man, just hearing players’ names being called gets you excited,” Grant said. “It’s the little things.”

Grant was also selected to the D3football.com National Team of the week as a return specialist, an award only 22 Titans have received.

“It’s pretty crazy how long this program has been going, to only be the 22nd player from here to receive this,” Grant said. “It’s a pretty special honor.”

Grant’s second return resulted

in a 93-yard touchdown, again tying up the score at 14 in the second quarter.

Raddatz recorded six tackles, four being solo, and one interception during the Titans’ bout against Huntington College.

In his first game in several years, Raddatz said he was not expecting this type of success.

“Receiving defensive player of the week wasn’t even something I thought about,” he said. “I just stuck to my assignments along with the rest of the team, and we were able to pull out the win.”

The Titans traveled north to take on Division II Northern

Michigan University and their senior loaded offense on Sept. 11. Kobe Berghammer threw for three touchdowns and Mitch Gerhartz added a rushing score as the Titans built a 21-0 lead late in the second quarter and went on to win 28-10 at the Superior Dome in Marquette, Michigan.

“We’re definitely going to have to stop their run,” Raddatz said before the game. “They have a senior-led offensive line along with some good athletes at running back that could break free at any moment.”



# Hust named as volleyball athlete of the week



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UW Oshkosh freshman and defensive specialist Amelia Hust was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Kwik Trip Women's Volleyball Defensive Athlete of the Week.

Hust recorded 98 digs, 15 assists, seven service aces and one kill during the volleyball teams' four matches at the Pacific Coast Classic in Clairemont, California on Sept. 3-4, helping the team to a 2-2 record.

The women's volleyball team followed up their performance by winning the following two games on Sept. 8 with a 3-2 victory over St. Norbert College and a 3-0 sweep against Lakeland University.

Hust then received all-tournament honors along with Riley Kindt and Carissa Sundholm, carrying the team to three straight match wins over Lake Forest College, Edgewood College and Wisconsin Lutheran College at the Politos Classic on Sept. 10-11.

The Titans battled against Edgewood en route to a 3-2 comeback victory, and they finished with a clean 3-0 sweep over Wisconsin Lutheran College and Lake Forest College.

During the comeback win, Kindt recorded 14 kills on 0.462 hitting while Kate Nottoli chipped in a career-high 10 terminations. Sundholm dished out three service aces along with Hust, Abby Fregien and Becky Brezen each recording two.

The Titans are hitting the road to open up their conference play against 19-ranked UW-Whitewater on Sept. 15.

Following the Warhawks, the Titans go back into tournament play facing Minnesota schools Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Catherine University and Augsburg University at the Sandy Schumacher Memorial Tournament on Sept. 17-18.

# A first since 2012: Soccer starts with 4 wins



Sami Christiansen / The Advance-Titan

## Titans next play Carroll in Sept. 18 showdown

By Chase Millam  
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The UW Oshkosh women's soccer team rolled to four straight victories opening up the season, an accomplishment last achieved in 2012.

The offense was on point, scoring 23 goals in total in the four games. The defense didn't allow a single goal from the opposition.

The team got off to a great start at home with a dominant 7-0 showing against Ripon on Sept. 1.

Three days later, they took down Marian University 6-0. The Titans also defeated Bethel University 4-0 on Sept. 6. and Lakeland University 6-0 on Sept. 8.

This marks the first time in over a year any of the players have been able to compete on the field due to COVID-19.

"COVID gave us the opportunity to grow closer as a team off the field," said sophomore forward Rylie Kaufmann. "We have all been practicing and lifting together for the past year to prepare us

for this season."

Despite not having much of a season last year, the team chemistry remains strong.

"Losing our season was not ideal. The training and team bonding didn't stop," said Kaufmann. "During all that time we weren't focused on competition or outside factors; it was solely our personal and team development."

The road ahead is looking promising, she said.

"As a team we have started off very strong and I want to see

us continue our energy and momentum throughout the season," Kaufmann said. "Our coaches continuously push us to not be complacent. As long as we keep our foot on the gas pedal and play a full 90 minutes each game, we will continue to be a force on the field."

The Titans are back at home Sept. 18 in a showdown with Carroll University. The match will begin at 1 p.m. on J.J. Keller Field. Students can attend for free with their student ID.

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# Arts & Entertainment



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Community members, UWO students and local vendors line the streets of downtown Oshkosh for the local farmer’s market held each Saturday in the summer.

## ‘You can’t find this at the grocery store’

By Kelly Hueckman  
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### Local farmers market provides the best of Oshkosh

As new and continuing UWO students and staff settle into their semester schedules, the weekly Oshkosh Farmers Market is still in full-swing as one of the most beloved attractions in the city.

Each Saturday from 8 am to 12 pm, area vendors paint the 400 and 500 blocks of North Main Street with the vibrant colors of locally-grown produce, fresh flowers and other carefully crafted goods.

Although the Oshkosh Farmers Market is a year-round event, the weather during the 2021 summer market (June 5-Oct. 30) permits vendors and visitors to enjoy the goods and live music outdoors.

The busiest portion of the Farmers Market, the outdoor summer market, attracts an impressive 130 vendors each week as several musicians share their setlists.

While some vendors travel to sell their products at the market, attendees will still pass many well-known companies from Oshkosh, including Thunderbird Bakery and family-owned farm, Pickett Produce.

“I’ve been selling at this market for four years now,” said Brady Rennert of Pickett Produce. “Some people pick up box orders and we sell to the people here at the market.”

Rennert said that selling at local events like the Oshkosh Farmers Market is a significant part of the farm’s business and also helps their customers get the freshest produce possible.

However, there is a lot more to the market than fruits and vegetables.

In recent weeks, attendees have been able to enjoy musical performances by central Wisconsin-based artists such as 50% Folk and Dr. Kickbutt’s Orchestra of Death.

Visitors at the market last weekend could even witness the creative process of Milwaukee-based artist, Emma Daisy, who is working on her latest

building-sized mural on 440 N Main St.

The market sells handmade jewelry, original artwork and children’s toys; there is something for everyone.

“It’s a little taste of Oshkosh,” UWO senior Erica Lenz said. “You can’t find this at the grocery store.”

Lenz said she looks forward to the summer market each year and recommends that UWO students to attend.

“It’s a good way to get to meet new people and get to know them,” she said.

This can be particularly helpful advice for incoming UWO freshmen or any students who

want to try something new while still being only a short walk from campus.

Along with the sense of community that can come with visiting the market, attendees can also reap the benefits of organic seasonal treats and one-of-a-kind items at affordable prices— all while supporting local businesses.

Though the market will soon be moved indoors as colder temperatures approach, the outdoor summer market will still be held each Saturday until Oct. 30.

In November, the winter market moves to the Oshkosh Arena 1212 Main St. from 8 am to 12:30 pm on select Saturdays.

## Annex gallery shows UWO art collection

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The array of colors and attention to detail are truly mind blowing, as the deep blues and greens featured in this painting are eye-catching.

The Annex Gallery on the second floor of the UW Oshkosh Arts and Communication Center is worth a visit. The gallery has a calming, contemporary feel, with a variety of art pieces to view.

The gallery also showcases some wonderful new additions to UWO’s permanent collection. You will find paintings, photographs and fascinating prints by some talented artists.

Art, for many people, is a whirlwind of different emotions. One of the best indicators of an amazing piece of art is the ability to passionately connect with the audience.

Many people enjoy pieces of art that convey the emotions and feelings of the artist. Some also believe pieces of art convey positive emotions for people and that art can be therapeutic.

UWO Senior Sebastian Vang said his favorite painting in the gallery is “Beach Scene #1” by Leif Larson.

Vang said he enjoys the various color schemes and bright colors.

He said he was especially fond of the abstract nature of the painting and the tropical undertones it represents.

It can be assumed that the shapes and structures of the characters in this painting were strategically planned. But this painting is packed with different events and processes happening in every section of the canvas.

The Annex Gallery features abstract paintings that will leave you mesmerized, but it also features straightforward concepts.

Another painting to check out at the gallery is “Untitled” by Jeannine Hart.

Similar to “Beach Scene #1,” this painting features an array of colors and complex ideologies.

The gallery is open 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7-9 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.



Mattie Beck / Advance -Titan  
UWO students can view the various pieces of art at the Allen-Priebe.



Tom Antrim / Advance-Titan  
Beach Scene #1 by Leif Larson at the Annex Gallery.

## Allen Priebe Gallery opens new art exhibit

By Mattie Beck  
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The Allen Priebe Gallery opened the exhibit “Shane Walsh: Plastic Alphabet” on Sept. 9, which features various paintings that make up collages on canvas using all sorts of materials.

Walsh, the artist behind these paintings, was a DJ in the 1990s and found inspiration from the subcultures of the era, creating abstract paintings with different techniques to represent his inspiration and his life.

The technique Walsh uses could be described as choreographing all the materials onto the canvas and utilizing a variety of painting techniques to create something new on the canvas, something completely customized to fit his experiences.

Walsh describes his style as “painting as collage,” which is a mindset he took from his time as a DJ.

He said he took influence from media and culture of the time, such as MTV, NBA expan-

sion team designs, Garbage Pail Kids, Modernist Abstraction and many more.

These influences can be seen throughout his paintings, with bright vibrant colors, stars, prints and other forms of media.

The paintings all have unique names too, such as “Strobelite Honey,” “Wizard” and “Tropical Metal.”

Each of these paintings are different; they each have an abstract style that makes them their own.

Walsh said he did this on purpose, as he wanted to go beyond the normal abstract and create a remixed and reshaped form of abstract art, one that was his own.

Walsh’s exhibit “Plastic Alphabet” is certainly worth checking out for those who enjoy abstract art that displays culture and life from a different era.

The exhibit runs through Sept. 30 in the Allen Priebe Gallery, located in the Arts and Communication Center.



# Arts & Entertainment



Kylie Balk-Yaatenen / Advance-Titan

Many college students stress over deadlines, homework and work, but luckily there are many ways to combat day-to-day anxieties.

## How to handle stress

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Fall is approaching, and with the changing of the colors on the trees, it also brings the beginning of the school year and loads of stress.

College students can expect to be stressed out or overwhelmed in some way. Stress is inevitable, but luckily there are ways you can combat the semester’s anxieties.

### Understanding what is creating the stress

Many students have a hard time picking out what is making them stressed.

It becomes much easier to find solutions once you determine the cause of your stress, whether it be homework, exams or something else.

### Journaling

The benefits of journaling, according to the University of Rochester Medical Center, are that it helps people prioritize problems, fears and concerns.

When journaling, people can track any symptoms day-to-day, helping them recognize the triggers and learn ways to better control them.

Journaling can also provide a space for positive self-talk and to vent about what is happening.

### Aromatherapy

According to the Medical News Today website, aromatherapy has benefits like reducing anxiety, agitation, stress and depression.

An article published by Johns Hopkins Medical School about the benefits of essential oil said

that aromatherapy has been linked to stress relief because when the oils are inhaled, the scent molecules travel from the olfactory nerves directly to the brain which impacts the amygdala, the emotional center of the brain, producing a calming feeling.

However, aromatherapy is considered to be a complementary therapy. It is not to be used as a cure for diseases, rashes or illnesses, but it can be used to help with anxiety and stress relief.

### The Counseling Center

Students at UW Oshkosh are fortunate enough to have access to counseling and many other amenities that the center provides.

The Counseling Center website provides information on available resources such as ani-

mal-assisted therapy, guidance, the Just Breathe Room, outreach and involvement opportunities and the Rejuvenation Room.

It’s hard to be a student — with the pandemic and everything going on in the world, it’s easy to get overwhelmed, but remember that you aren’t alone.

### Me Time

All in all, the most important part is to be gentle with yourself.

It’s easy to stress about what can’t be controlled or assignments that need to get done, but you need to also find time to give yourself a break.

Whether that be journaling, taking a walk or mediating, finding time for yourself is the most important way to handle stress.

For more information about the Counseling Center, visit [uwosh.edu/counseling/](http://uwosh.edu/counseling/).



## This week in UWO history

**Sept. 16, 1971** — The official opening of Oshkosh’s Centennial Year occurs. A convocation is held at Albee Hall. The University Wind Ensemble opens with “Overture” from Bellini’s Norma. This same piece was performed when the school was first dedicated on Sept. 19, 1871. A sealed cardboard box is later opened. Previously stored at the library with the instructions to not open it until the Centennial, it contained two paper carnations of white and gold – the school flower and colors – that Rose Swart had worn during the Jubilee held in 1921.

**Sept. 18, 1964** — The Wisconsin Library Association names the Forrest R. Polk Library the “Wisconsin Library of the Year.” The citation commends the library, among other things, “for providing library service of high quality in the knowledge that faculty and student growth depends upon the excellence of such service.”

**Sept. 19, 1971** — The university dedicates a new addition to the School of Education.

**Sept. 20, 1900** — Dr. Charles W. Oviatt and his wife Petronella pay \$18,000 to purchase the school property that bears their name from local attorney Moses Hooper.

**Sept. 21, 2002** — Oshkosh hosts one of the largest Earth Charter Community Summits in the nation. It is based on the Earth Charter’s 2000 initiative to “establish a sound ethical foundation for the emerging global society and to help build a sustainable world based on respect for nature, universal human rights, economic justice and a culture of peace.” Oshkosh is one of more than 20 sites linked together via the Internet.

**Sept. 22, 2001** — The inaugural Fall Fest on the Fox concludes with a crepe breakfast, workshops, tours, antique car show, arts and crafts fair, live bands, international foods, children’s events, pie and custard social and baseball clinic. The two-day event is designed to promote citizen accessibility, student recruitment and retention.

Source: UWO Archives

## Upcoming events on campus

**Sept. 16**  
Sorority Recruitment Opening Night  
6:00-10:00

Live Music Night  
7:00-9:00

**Sept. 17**  
2021 McNair Scholars Showcase  
4:00-5:30

Music Department Faculty Recital  
7:30

**Sept. 21**  
Taste of Nations: India  
11:30-12:45

Disney Trivia  
6:00-7:00

**Sept. 27**  
Workshop Wednesday: Engaging in Healthy Masculinity at Work  
11:30-12:30



# Terms and conditions? No thank you

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The countless amount of times I have downloaded an app or signed up for a website and been faced by the massive list of terms and conditions is unbelievable. I, like many others, do not read through the terms and conditions.

What is everyone missing out by glancing right over these?

While going around campus asking students, staff, faculty and community members if they read the terms and conditions, I was not surprised by the responses from the 55 who answered.

The highest response was “no” at a staggering 83.63%. This was followed by 14.54% responding “sometimes” and 1.8% saying “yes.”

“If it’s for school or related to my personal finances, then I’ll look through [the terms and conditions],” freshman Karisa Viverette said. “If it’s social media wise, I don’t.”

While asking people, common responses were “I don’t think anyone reads them” and “Why would I read them?”

According to Business Insider, a 2017 Deloitte survey of 2,000 consumers in the U.S. found that 91% of people consent to legal terms and services conditions without reading them. For younger people, ages 18-34 the rate is even higher, with 97% agreeing to conditions before reading.

The complex language often used in terms and conditions leaves consumers baffled and wanting to click “accept” without going through it all.

“The biggest lie on the internet is ‘I have read and agreed to the terms and conditions’,” said computer security expert columnist Mikko Hyppönen.

To prove this, Hyppönen’s com-

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☐ *Accept*

☐ *Decline*

☒ *I don't care*



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Despite encountering them most of the time people download an app or sign up for a service, many don’t read the terms and conditions. But what exactly are they missing in those mysterious words?

pany F-Secure set up a free WiFi hotspot in the heart of London’s financial district in June 2014.

Hidden in the terms and conditions of the free network was a statement saying “the recipient agreed to assign their first born child to us for the duration of eternity.” As we already know, most people do not read through the terms and conditions, and as a result, six people signed up.

Now we are all wondering, what have we agreed to in terms and conditions?

For the most part, terms and conditions consist mostly of the “terms,

the rules and the guidelines of acceptable behavior and other useful sections to which users must agree in order to use or access your website and mobile app,” according to TermsFeed. Ultimately, you are not putting yourself in any danger by not reading them over, unless the website or app is a scam.

Some common websites include some interesting terms and conditions you have probably missed.

Buried in section 57.10 of Amazon’s terms of service, concerning the “acceptable safe use of lumberyard materials,” there is a whole clause relating to if a zombie apoc-

alypse ever takes place:

“However, this restriction will not apply in the event of the occurrence (certified by the United States Centers for Disease Control or successor body) of a widespread viral infection transmitted via bites or contact with bodily fluids that causes human corpses to reanimate and seek to consume living human flesh, blood, brain or nerve tissue and is likely to result in the fall of organized civilization.”

Another funny, but somewhat known story relating to terms and conditions deals with the legendary rock band, Van Halen. The lead

singer David Lee Roth would note all of the snacks the group wanted in a candy bowl. He specifically noted that they wanted no brown M&M’s.

If brown M&M’s were found, this indicated that their hosts had not read the contract well, and therefore could possibly make a technical error elsewhere.

The next time you come to terms and condition page, maybe you can find a funny clause such as the ones above — or maybe not, since most of us will still continue skipping over them anyways.

## Letter to the Editor

# No environmental justice without social justice

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The color of someone’s skin should not affect their access to clean air or clean drinking water. Yet, it is all too common for communities of color in the United States to struggle with access to these fundamental resources and it is not an accident. The planned placement of oil pipelines, toxic waste sites and polluting factories near low-income or non-white neighborhoods is in part environmental racism; the environmental justice movement is a response to the effects of environmental racism. In order to illustrate the importance of racial justice as part of environmentalism, here is a statement from Summer Dean (@climatediva) who is working to re-define climate activism:

The same ideas of white supremacy that value the lives of some humans over others are the same forces that value humans over all other living species. They are the values that believe humans

are separate from nature, and that we must dominate this earth rather than live in harmony with all things on it. Those values are woven into the fabric of powerful bureaucracies that were built to exploit people of color and the environment. So environmentalists: We cannot end the exploitation of our environment if we continue to allow the exploitation of oppressed people. Ask yourself this: How can we rebuild our relationship with the earth if our relationships with each other are broken and unequal? Sustainability itself is inherently an idea from Black and Indigenous people, so they need to be at the center of this fight. The struggles for a habitable planet and racial justice are deeply intertwined. The longer we stay in our institutional silos, the longer it will take to achieve justice for people and for the earth.

This quote speaks many truths that members of the University of Wisconsin Divestment Coalition strive to follow in their fight to divest their universities from

fossil fuels. To get an idea of environmental racism today, we can look to the fossil fuel (FF) industry as a prime example. The Enbridge Line 3 tar-sands pipeline runs directly through protected Indigenous territory, specifically at three different locations on Fond du Lac reservations in northern Minnesota. A ‘leak’ or ‘spill’ that is bound to happen by an oil pipeline may not sound like much, but the Center of Biological Diversity informs us that “Since 1986 pipeline accidents have spilled an average of more than 3 million gallons per year. This is equivalent to 200 barrels of oil each day.” This puts freshwater at high risk of contam-

ination, and freshwater is a finite resource that cannot be replaced.

Line 3 is just one current example of environmental racism taking place in the Midwest, as it was intentionally placed through what is supposed to be protected Indigenous land. FF companies and their executives have never suffered action-changing consequences for the pollution and contamination that they inflict worldwide. Divestment from FF is an important step toward dismantling this largely problematic institution. Reinvesting funds to renewable energy and community-based solutions, advocating for reparations and protection of clean wa-

ter is what creates environmental justice for highly affected groups. Making sure that Black and Indigenous needs are prioritized in environmental movements is crucial to achieve any of these goals. A few environmentalists who uplift these ideas on social media are @climatediva, @breaking\_green\_ceilings, @intersectionalenvironmentalist, and @browngirl\_green. Authors of this article can be found @uwdivestmentcoalition on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. Visit our website to follow along, sign our petition, or get involved in the student-driven movement for a sustainable Wisconsin future.

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