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UWO student gave ride to Petito's fiancé

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A crucial witness in the Gabby Petito case, UW Oshkosh student Miranda Baker, claimed in a TikTok post that she and her boyfriend gave Brian Laundrie a ride in Grand-Teton National Park in Wyoming on Aug. 29.

After seeing a video and recognizing Laundrie's face as the man they drove in Wyoming, they immediately called the police.

In a TikTok, Baker said she and her boyfriend started talking to Laundrie around 5:30 p.m. at Colter Bay.

"When he first came up to us, he introduced himself, you know, 'Hi, my name is Brian,' you know, 'I'm just looking for a ride,'" Baker said.

After he hopped into Baker's Jeep, the three proceeded to make small talk. Before he came into the car he offered to pay \$200 for Baker to give him a ride, which the couple found strange.

"He then told us he's been camping for multiple days without his fiancée. He did say he had a fiancée, and that she was working on their social media page back at their van," Baker said in a TikTok.

At 6:09 p.m., Baker and her boyfriend dropped off Laundrie, who seemed to be in a hurry and said he was going to find someone else to hitch a ride with. Turning back to look and see how far Laundrie got, 10 to 15 seconds after getting out of the Jeep, he was gone.

"It was a little strange," Baker said to WISN. "I've never picked up a hitchhiker. So, it was definitely strange. But he seemed nice. He was our age. Nothing seemed off about him."

To watch more from Baker's TikToks, find her @mirandabaker_, where she has posted multiple updates and has drawn out maps of where they traveled with Laundrie.

Baker is cooperating with FBI authorities to aid the case.

For those who do not know the case, travel bloggers Gabrielle "Gabby" Petito and fiancé Brian Laundrie had been traveling in Petito's white van documenting their cross-country road trip on their YouTube channel and Instagram, when an incident occurred.

The trip started in June 2021 when the couple left Laundrie's parents home in Florida, which they had lived at for over a year.

On Aug. 12, police in Moab, Utah, reported responding to an "incident" that involved a domestic dispute between Petito and Laundrie.

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Students with either Kias or Hyundais, who park on or near campus, can stop by the Radford Hall basement to pick up a free wheel lock from the University Police Department.

UWO responds to vehicle thefts

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UW Oshkosh students who park in university lots are encouraged to take preventative measures after two vehicles were stolen from Lot 30 near the Gruenhagen Conference Center off Wisconsin Avenue on Sept. 10.

The vehicles were reported missing on Sept. 12, and both of the stolen vehicles were Kias. Kias that are from 2011 or newer and Hyundais that are from 2015 or newer have been more susceptible to theft state and nationwide, with 66% of all car thefts in Milwaukee being one of those models, according to Urban Milwaukee.

University Police (UP) Capt. Chris Tarmann said that theft of Kias and Hyundais has been an issue in Wisconsin and the nation due to a manufacturing feature with these models that makes them way easier to steal. While these models do have anti-theft features installed, they are the most common to be stolen.

"It's happening in Milwaukee pretty frequently and across the country," Tarmann said. "It's something to do with the vehicle and how they manufacture the way that it starts, whether you have a key or a key fob or not. There's a way to get inside of the vehicle and cause it to start and drive it."

UWO junior and car owner Ryan Patton is among the student population taking notice of these thefts, and despite not being a Kia or Hyundai owner, he is concerned for the security of



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Along with preventing thieves from turning the wheel, the bright red color of the wheel lock can serve as a visual deterrent.

his own vehicle.

"It's very worrying for me," Patton said. "Personally I don't have one of those [Kia or Hyundai] models, but there needs to be a system to prevent this."

Tarmann said vehicle theft has not been a prominent problem on campus, adding that he believes word regarding the accessibility of these Kia and Hyundai models may have spread over the internet quick enough for it to become a nationwide problem.

"[A vehicle theft problem] is just not something that we historically have had to deal with," Tarmann said. "Information travels really quickly, so I think that has a little bit to do with it in that you can receive information and make decisions pretty fast."

Patton said that a fingerprint scanner feature, similar to what

is used as a security method in modern day smartphones, could solve the problem in these newer models.

"I think one of the best solutions they can have is a fingerprint scanner," he said. "We're already pushing a button, so [we] might as well add that extra security measure to start the car. And even better, to add another fingerprint to the car, you must have a password."

To remedy the situation ahead of any manufacturing adjustments, the UP Department purchased wheel locks for students who park overnight on or near campus. A wheel lock is a long rod placed in through the wheel, and hinders a possible thief's ability to turn the wheel and drive off with the car.

Tarmann said students can

pick up the locks in the basement of Radford Hall for free. He also said that installation is simple considering the precautions being taken against vehicle theft.

"It's really easy. It takes 10 seconds to get it installed and another five or 10 seconds to get it uninstalled," he said. "There are probably a lot of people wondering 'should I get one? Do I need one? Am I really vulnerable to it?' I think that if you have a car that fits into those classifications, then grab one of these things."

Patton, despite not having either of the targeted vehicle models, said he will still be cautious when it comes to protecting his vehicle from theft at night.

"I will definitely try to take some extra precautions. I have an older car, but I'll at least try to make it inconvenient to steal," he said.

To prevent theft attempts in the future, Tarmann said he encourages students to keep an open line of communication with the UP Department when it comes to reporting suspicious activity. He also said a community effort can go a long way in preventing these situations from arising in the first place.

"If you get the UWO Mobile app downloaded, you can communicate with us confidentially there. You can call us or you can text the dispatcher 24/7," Tarmann said. "We can do the best that we can to be in places and do patrols, but partnership with our community is really where we're successful with stuff like this."

If you have a car that fits into those classifications, then grab one of these things.

- Chris Tarmann, UP Capt.

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UW Oshkosh anthropology students shovel and sift through soil in search of evidence relating to the disappearance of Starkie Swenson.

UWO students halt search for Swenson

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After an exhilarating three-week spring interim class, anthropology students at UW Oshkosh, along with their professor and officers with the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department, are still wondering: “Where is Starkie Swenson?”

“It’s tough; it’s a needle in the haystack situation,” said Jordan Karsten, UWO associate professor of anthropology. “We haven’t found [Swenson], but that doesn’t mean we won’t.”

Starkie Swenson, a 67-year-old man from Neenah, Wisconsin, disappeared in 1983 after he rode away from his house on a bicycle. For years, the case stayed dormant, but eventually there were breaks in the case.

Swenson’s lover’s ex-husband, John Andrews, pleaded guilty to “negligent use of a motor vehicle” in 1994, according to prosecutors. Swenson and Andrews were in a love triangle with Claire Andrews, and it was believed that John Andrews ran over Swenson and killed him.

Karsten and his students searched for Swenson’s remains in late May and early June.

The preparation for going out and searching prior to the interim started with Karsten and others walking the property in the Town

of Rushford, just outside the city of Omro, Wisconsin. The search location was determined by sheriff detectives, who had talked to the property owners in the 1980s and 1990s and learned they saw John Andrews on the property. The landowners pointed the police to the general area where they had seen him.

Karsten and the county conducted initial ground-penetrating radar scanning and test digging in the area to help the class avoid disturbing any of the farmer’s crops while excavating in the three-week class.

Bailey Raab, who recently graduated from UWO with an anthropology major and psychology minor in the spring of 2021, took part in this interim class. She is currently working at the Archaeological Research Institute in Lawrenceburg, Indiana as an archaeological technician doing some field work.

When Karsten originally got the case, Raab was in two classes with him and was also his lab assistant. She was able to help with the initial survey alongside Karsten and a few other students.

“I thought that it would be great to get more experience, and I really thought the case was interesting,” Raab said. “[I] wanted to help bring closure to the family, so I signed up for the class.”

Raab said a cadaver dog came

out to assess the area, and a team of divers from the police department went through the pond on the property.

Often, she was excavating in a group of people where they would switch off shoveling, carrying buckets and screening the soil to find any pieces of bone. A few times Raab used a metal detector to attempt to locate anything metallic below the soil that may have been helpful to the case.

Ultimately, no human bones were found, but a possible lead in the case was discovered.

A small piece of headlight was found, possibly relating to the case. However, it is impossible to know if this headlight is connected to the car that was driven by John Andrews.

The headlight is from the right time period of the 1970s or so, but the issue is if John Andrews would have had time to repair a damaged front end before his car was impounded and examined by the state crime lab.

“The reason we were interested in the headlight is because of the fact that it wasn’t left on the surface with other automotive parts,” Karsten said. “We didn’t find a whole headlight, or the backing of one of these headlights, or other pieces. It was just a broken piece of glass from a headlight from that era.”

The piece had depressed into the ground a little bit, which would happen with time, and for the case, it does fit a scenario where John Andrews drove his car through the area they were looking at. A piece of headlight would have fallen off in the dark and compressed into the Earth.

“Although it’s intriguing, it could also have come from garbage that was taken down there by people who had owned the property,” Karsten said.

Whether or not this headlight piece is connected to the case, it is a step in the right direction. This case is, by far, not closed and will pick up in the fall.

“We have plans to be back out at the site soon,” Karsten said. “We’re going to use some heavy equipment, in terms of excavators and such, to go out and continue to work the site and look at areas we want to keep investigating.”

As of now, Karsten and his friend Matt Hiskes’s podcast “Cold Case: Frozen Tundra,” has paused. Episodes may once again continue if there is a new break in the case.

“God willing, we find Starkie Swenson’s remains, I think we’d put up an episode or two to update the people who have listened,” Karsten said. “Until we have something new to say, there aren’t any more episodes right now.”

Petito: UWO student identifies suspect

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On a 911 call recording released by the Grand County Sheriff’s Office in Utah, a witness allegedly saw Laundrie slapping Petito and chasing her up and down a sidewalk.

In the recording of the 911 call, the caller, whose name was not released, claimed he saw the apparent domestic dispute unfold on Main Street in Moab between a young couple driving a white van with Florida license plates.

“We drove by, and the gentleman was slapping the girl,” the caller told a 911 dispatcher. “And then we stopped. They ran up and down the sidewalk. He proceeded to hit her, hopped in the car and drove off.”

Police responded to the incident and located the van. In the report, the couple stated to police that Laundrie did not hit Petito.

“Insufficient evidence existed to justify criminal charges,” said Moab Police Department Chief Bret Edge after speaking to both

Petito and Laundrie separately and neither admitting to the incident occurring.

The couple continued with their trip.

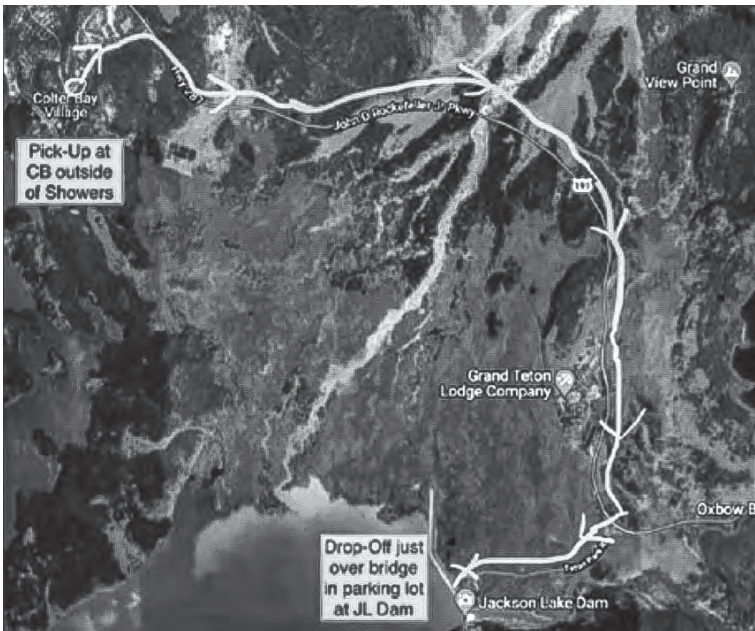
The last post uploaded to Peitito’s Instagram was on Aug. 25, without a tagged location.

On Sept. 1, Laundrie returned by himself to Florida in Petito’s white van.

“Two people went on a trip, one person returned and that person isn’t cooperating,” North Port, Florida Police Chief Todd Garrison said.

Petito was then reported missing by her family to the police, who later named Laundrie a “person of interest.”

On Sept. 17, Laundrie was reported missing. His family told police they last saw him on Sept. 14, when he left with a backpack and told them he was going to the Carlton Reserve near their home in North Port, Florida. Due to his knowledge of the area, his family



Courtesy of Miranda Baker’s TikTok

This map displays the route Baker took with Laundrie in the car.

thinks he could survive out there for multiple months.

The Teton County coroner confirmed that Petito’s body was found

in the Bridger-Teton National Park on Sept. 19, and two days later Coroner Brent Blue determined she was a homicide victim.

UWO helps in growing falcon population

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Last May, two peregrine falcons hatched in the nesting box located on top of the Gruenhagen Conference Center (GCC) as part of the UW Oshkosh Sustainability Institute’s contribution to restoring the species’ population decline in Wisconsin.

After a university-wide poll, the chicks were named after the top two companies that produced COVID-19 vaccines in the United States, Pfizer and Moderna.

The falcon project started in 2011 after the Sustainability Institute contacted Greg Septon, the founder of the Wisconsin Peregrine Falcon Recovery Project. In 1986, Septon began a recovery effort for the species after peregrine falcons were added to the federal and Wisconsin endangered species lists.

The main cause of the population decline was a toxic chemical called DDT, which was used as an insecticide to eliminate malaria and other insect-borne human diseases from the 1940s to 1970s in the United States. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, DDT has “adverse environmental effects and is classified as a probable human carcinogen.”

Peregrine falcons play an important role in the ecosystem by controlling the populations of their prey, but because the falcons are top predators of the food chain, they most often consume toxic chemicals and pesticides like DDT through their prey.

“DDT caused the eggs of peregrines and other raptor species to thin so much that many of the eggs broke during incubation,”



Courtesy of UWO Oshkosh Today and Advance-Titan screenshot
ABOVE: The birds were banded as chicks, which will help researchers determine their whereabouts. **RIGHT:** One of the chicks looks out across the city from atop Gruenhagen Conference Center.

the Sustainability Institute’s website said. Because of this prevalent issue, UW Oshkosh agreed to partner with the Wisconsin Peregrine Falcon Recovery Project.

The GCC was chosen as an ideal location for the nesting box because peregrine falcons “prefer relatively inaccessible rock ledges on the sides of steep bluffs and ledges on highrise buildings in urban areas,” according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

In the spring of 2011, the first falcon couple was placed in the nesting box. Deborah, who was raised in Evanston, Illinois, and Hondo, who was raised in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, successfully produced two hatched chicks named Millennium and Titan. They were UWO’s first banded falcon chicks.

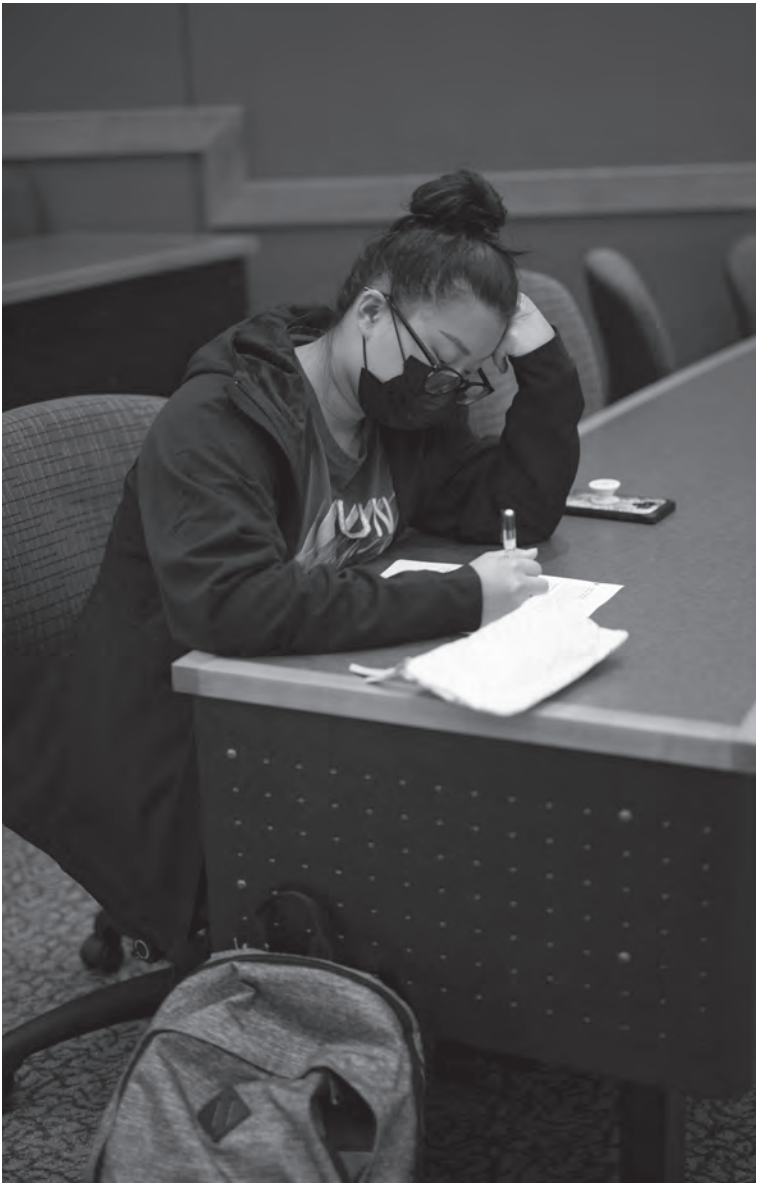
According to the Sustainability Institute, about three weeks after chicks hatch, they are given leg bands with special letter/number combinations. These combina-



tions are recorded and used for research.

Pfizer and Moderna’s parents, Julia and Gaylord, have been producing chicks together for several years. According to nesting season reports by Septon, the GCC’s nesting box has allowed four different falcon parent couples to produce 22 hatched chicks between 2011 and 2019.

With the ban of DDT in 1972 in the U.S. and human intervention like UWO’s nesting box, the peregrine falcon population has been able to recover enough to be delisted from the federal endangered species list.



April Lee / Advance-Titan
Students at UWO are able to take quizzes and exams in-person, having to readapt to old habits. Students are no longer able to rely on their notes for quizzes and exams, unless professors allow.

Students and faculty prepare for return to in-person exams

By Cory Sparks
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Forget about looking up answers to a virtual exam online or in your notes. It’s back to reality as UW Oshkosh goes back to mostly in-person classes.

With the initial change from in-person to online instruction taking place over a year and a half ago, some students reflected on how they felt about each method of teaching when comparing the two.

UWO junior Ellyn Noel said she was able to adjust to online school with some self-motivation, but she added online schooling had its fallbacks.

“The initial transition from in person to online was difficult at first, but I eventually grew to like it,” Noel said. “I benefited from online school due to being able to self motivate myself more. A disadvantage of [online school] was it was harder to get help, and there were more distractions.”

When the COVID-19 pandemic forced many academic institutions to move coursework online, exams, which make up the majority of UWO students’ grades, were also moved online.

UWO Geology professor Eric

Hiatt said that he gave exams online and that most of his content was based on visuals associated with content taught in class.

“Because much of geology deals with concepts that can be represented visually, I created exams that were based on diagrams and photos,” Hiatt said.

With most exams taking place online for the duration of last year, the opportunity of using notes presented itself.

Some professors allowed open-note-style exams, and Noel said that her test scores benefited from being allowed to have that resource.

“I saw an increase in my test scores thanks to open note exams,” she said.

The instances of increased exam scores varied, though, as Hiatt said he did not see a spike in scoring once class instruction was switched to an online format.

Hiatt said he had some concerns about students going on the internet to get answers to his exams, so in order to compensate for the possibility of cheating, he made many of his questions diagram-based.

“I was concerned about students looking up answers and using notes,” he said. “By creating exam questions based on

diagrams and photos and giving students time limits for questions, I felt like I made it difficult for students to research answers.”

With classes back in person, Hiatt is among many professors who will be giving exams in person for the fall 2021/22 semester.

“I haven’t given any exams yet, but I plan to go back to in-person, paper-based exams this semester,” Hiatt said.

With an almost university-wide shift back to in-person classes, students will have adjustment periods arguably just as jarring as the initial one experienced in March 2020 when the pandemic pushed everyone to online classes.

Noel said that she is pleased to be back in person, but that there are components of being online that she will miss.

“I am happy classes are back in person, but I will miss online classes too,” Noel said.

With the option of using notes or online resources no longer being possible, Hiatt said students should rely on themselves and their own study habits in order to succeed in what will be a semester full of adjustments.

“It is time to utilize good study strategies, do the right thing, and be more self-reliant,” he said.

Sports

Calendar



Scoreboard

Friday, Sept. 17

Women’s Volleyball
UW Oshkosh 2
Gustavus Adolphus 3

Saturday, Sept. 18

Cross-Country
Women’s team: 7/13, 168
Men’s team: 6/13, 180

Women’s Soccer
Carroll University 0
UW Oshkosh 2

Women’s Volleyball
St. Catherine University 3
UW Oshkosh 1

Augsburg University 3
UW Oshkosh 1

Sunday, Sept. 19

Women’s Golf
15/20, 338-332 (670)

Upcoming Events

Friday

Women’s Volleyball
vs. Ripon College @ Stevens
Point
5:00 p.m.

Saturday

Women’s Golf
St. Kate’s Fall Invitational
@ Oak Glen Golf Course in
Stillwater, Michigan
All day

Women’s Volleyball
vs. St. Olaf College (Minn.)
@ Stevens Point
10:00 a.m.

vs University of Chicago (Ill.)
@ Stevens Point
12:00 p.m.

Sunday

Women’s Golf
St. Kate’s Fall Invitational
@ Oak Glen Golf Course in
Stillwater, Michigan
(continued)

Monday

Women’s Soccer
@ Lawrence University
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Women’s Tennis
vs. UW-Stevens Point
4:00 p.m.



Courtesy of UWO Cross-Country Twitter

After the UW-Eau Claire Blugold Invitational, UWO will have three more cross-country meets before the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Championship takes place on Oct. 30 at the Whitetail Golf Course in Colfax, Wisconsin.

Cross-country sprints out of the gate

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The UW Oshkosh Men’s and Women’s Cross-Country teams got off to a fast start Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Ken Weidt Classic in Mequon.

The Men’s team finished first overall with 26 points, beating out Lawrence University by 40.

The Women’s team finished second, scoring 54 points. Law-

rence won the event with 31 total points.

The top finisher for the Women’s team, Hannah Lohrenz, placed second with a time of 23:17 in the 6K. UWO’s other top 10 finisher Zanzie Demco finished with the time 24:38.1.

In the 8K, sophomore Joseph Kehoe placed the highest for the Men’s team coming in second with a time of 26:52.8.

Other top 10 finishers for

Oshkosh include: Steven Potter placing third with a time of 26:58.5, Mitchell Bradford placing fifth at 27:08.6, Andrew George placing seventh at 27:28.7, and John Thill placing ninth with a time of 27:42.9.

This marks the first chance to compete at a meet for the teams since Nov. 23, 2019.

“When last season was cancelled, we really felt like we missed an opportunity to show

everyone what we’re capable of,” said Kehoe.

When asked about goals for the season, Kehoe replied, “Moving forward, our goal is not only to qualify for the national meet, but to be ready to give our best effort on that day.”

The Titans will compete in the UW-Eau Claire Blugold Invitational on Friday, Oct. 1.

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The photo is similar to a scene in the movie where the chain breaks and the logs roll out. When most people see this on the road they change lanes to avoid disaster.

The ‘Final Destination’: Fear

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“Final Destination,” a horror movie franchise about death taunting a group of people, was first released in 2000, but fans of the franchise say that some of the iconic scenes from the first few movies are still scaring them years later.

Caryssa Balk, a fan of the “Final Destination” movies, said that working at a tanning studio has definitely shown her how many people were freaked out by the scene of people getting stuck in a tanning bed like she was.

“I have worked here for six months and I can’t even tell you how many times I’ve heard it from new tanners,” Balk said.

“Final Destination” is a horror series written by Jeffery Reddick that deals with groups of people trying to avoid death when anything and everything can kill the

characters. According to Regmovie.com, Riddick confirmed that a sixth “Final Destination” was in the works before the pandemic, but he said that it would not be a reboot. The movie will be released sometime in 2022.

Some of the iconic scenes people have mentioned that scared them, is the scene of two girls getting stuck in a tanning bed. Another frightening scene is when a chain breaks on a logging truck and a log rolls into oncoming traffic.

In an interview with UNILAD, Riddick said that the reason the movies are so terrifying is because everyone fears death.

He said he read about a woman who got off a plane because her mother had a bad feeling, the plane later crashed and a lot of people died.

“That kind of put the seed of an idea in my head – the idea of

having a premonition and missing your time to die,” he said in the UNILAD article.

Balk said that she thinks the series was so popular because a lot of the situations were realistic.

“They just kept coming up with situations and seeing it up on the big screen, you couldn’t look away,” she said.

Andrew Smock, chair of the radio/tv/film department at UW, said that he thinks that the movies were so popular because they had a signature formula that worked.

“They found an audience that kept coming back to see what Death did next,” he said.

He said one of the main ways that a movie creates fear is by taking advantage of the ways our brains work.

“Many people, if not most, fear unexpected death, then take that, add in graphic imagery, which our brains seem to be hardwired to react to, and you get a fright reac-

tion,” Smock said. “If the scary event in the movie seems like something that could happen to us in real life, the effect is likely to persist long after the movie ends.”

He said media researchers have looked even deeper into how people process fear, why it has such a lasting effect and why people might avoid certain situations.

“Memories stored in the amygdala can be recalled very quickly,” he said. “It’s a survival thing wired into our brains to help us react quickly in dangerous situations. That’s essentially what our brains do with something like the lumber truck scene.”

He said that the franchise affected so many people because it shows an unexpected death in a somewhat realistic way and the audience thinks that it is something that could happen to anyone. That generates a fright response, not only during the movie, but even after it’s over.

“Your brain takes the event portrayed, even though you know it is fictional, and stores it for quick recall because of the fear it evoked when you watched the movie, fear of an unexpected death,” he said. “Then the next time you’re driving and find yourself behind a lumber truck the fright response is triggered and you change lanes to try to avoid an unexpected death. Logically, you know that the likelihood of an accident is exceedingly slim, but your brain says danger, based on that memory and the fear tied to it and you react.”

Balk said that she will probably go see the new movie, but she will still always be freaked out by certain scenes from the original “Final Destination” movies.

“I still can’t drive behind a truck full of logs and when I first started tanning, I was super freaked out that I would be stuck in there and fried,” she said.

Welcome Back Bash brings Fox Cities campus to life

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On Thursday Sept. 15, the UW Oshkosh-Fox Cities campus celebrated the beginning of the semester with their annual Welcome Back Bash.

Although the event was cancelled last year due to COVID-19 restrictions, incoming and continuing students were able to attend this year’s bash held in the Fox Cities campus courtyard.

Students were greeted with free food, yard games and music, which acted as a relaxing break between classes.

Raffle tickets were also handed out to students attending the event to put toward prizes including gift cards, Titan Dollars and school swag.

Upon entering the courtyard, students could explore a number of booths set up by the United States National Guard, The Intersection and the student government to provide information about their respective organizations and increase engagement in

the community. As students conversed with each other, competed in yard games and decorated walkways with chalk, this event posed a stark difference from the 2020-2021 school year.

With online classes and cancelled club meetings, there was very little student interaction.

This year, the newly-hired Fox Cities student life coordinator, Amanda Doperalski, has big plans to increase student involvement on campus.

“I want students to get the college experience that they want,” Doperalski said while describing her goals for this school year.

Doperalski said that this is usually done by student organizations and leadership positions that help students get connected not only with one another, but with professors and other networks.

A range of student athlete opportunities are provided with men’s and women’s tennis, women’s volleyball and men’s basketball teams.

Although the Fox Cities campus currently offers a multitude of student organizations, including Fox Student Association, Chemistry Club and the Campus Activities board, students are also welcome to create their own official or unofficial organization.

As a two-year school, the Fox Cities campus doesn’t have many students that were able to experience the school’s culture before the pandemic.

Sophomore Lexi Bestol, however, was enrolled pre-COVID-19 allowing her to gauge the student engagement on campus before COVID-19 restrictions were placed.

“I think Fox does a good job trying to get everyone to intermingle and communicate with each other,” Bestol said, reminiscing on Fox volleyball games, movie nights and theatre productions.

“I think that we will get more of that. It’s just a matter of reimagining life after COVID-19”

As the campus begins to re-



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Fox Cities Students were given the opportunity to get the college experience that many of them didn’t have due to the pandemic.

build student life from last year’s restrictions, Doperalski is eager to find out what students are interested in and let them know what the Fox Cities campus offers.

Doperalski aims to create an updated board on all activities and organizations that are offered to students while also creating a system for students to give their input on what they would like to see on campus.

She explained that joining stu-

dent organizations is the best way to meet new people and be involved in the campus community.

So, what can students take to create the college experience they want?

To Doperalski, this means using provided resources, connections and opportunities to achieve desired outcomes.

“It means being comfortable with being uncomfortable,” she said.

Arts & Entertainment

‘Souvlaki’ is a dream pop gem

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The 1990s had a surge of incredible alternative rock and pop albums.

Many bands were making spaced out, dreamy music, with huge textures and soundscapes. In fact, there was a whole sub-genre of music emerging from the United Kingdom that utilized dreamy and distorted guitars.

The music was often woozy and atmospheric. These bands used their vocal melodies as an additional instrument to add to the dreamy feeling of the music, instead of the vocals being the main focus.

Slowdive released “Souvlaki” in May 1993. The album was met with intense criticism and unnecessary disdain toward the band.

But years later, the album is seen as an essential one in the dream pop genre. “Souvlaki” is a heavy-hearted, coming-of-age album that deals with the emotional turmoil that is associated with growing older.

The album is mostly centered around a breakup that involves Rachel Goswell and Neil Halstead, who both play guitar and sing in the band. The album is written from Halstead’s point of view and he is the main lyricist throughout.

One of the songs on the album is “Souvlaki Space Station.” The track is six minutes in length and encompasses a whirlwind of dreamy instrumentation. “Souvlaki Space Station” is the best representation of how heavy and dreamy the effects can be on this album.

The guitars sound otherworldly, as they are buried in layers of re-

verb and delay.

Slowdive’s guitar parts are fairly simple throughout the record, but the use of effects makes the music seem complex and intricate. The guitar melodies swirl and bounce around in the song to create transcendental sounds.

Another standout track from this album is “Machine Gun.”

Goswell takes over on the singing for this track and her high-pitched vocal melodies accompany the instrumentation well. Halstead contributes to the vocal melody for the chorus and the contrast between their voices is a nice addition to the song.

The drumming on this track is nothing convoluted, but it keeps a nice groove for the duration of the song.

On many of these songs, the guitars are the main focus, which is typical in the dream pop genre, as listeners typically enjoy the guitar playing the most.

“40 Days” is another track that listeners should pay attention to on “Souvlaki.”

It is one of the catchier songs on the album, and Halstead’s singing pairs gorgeously with the reverb-soaked guitars. The song is one of the many on the album where Halstead is dealing with the breakup with his fellow band member.

Referencing his relationship with Goswell and the attachment he still feels to her, Halstead confesses: “If I saw something new, I guess I wouldn’t worry. If I saw something new, I guess I wouldn’t care.”

At the time of this record, Halstead was explaining that if



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Slowdive by the indie pop group Souvlaki created a dreamy alternative pop genre that is appreciated by many. The album was released in 1993.

someone new were to enter his life he wouldn’t notice them because he was still infatuated with Goswell.

The atmosphere of the music and the lyrics that accompany it are undeniably fitting. The vocals are again buried in reverb and used as additional instrumentation instead of the main focus of the music.

The lyrics are unimportant throughout the record because the band gets their point across through the sounds they create.

The closing track of the song titled “Dagger” is the most naked song on the record as it consists of

only Halstead’s vocals and guitar playing.

Compared to other tracks, the guitar playing on this track is quite comprehensible.

Halstead wrote this song by himself, isolated from the rest of the band.

This song is an excellent way to end “Souvlaki” as “Dagger” encompasses themes of heartbreak, loss and reflection. It encompasses most of the lyrical themes on the album and concludes the record in a simple, but beautiful way.

Met Gala features bold statements

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The Met Gala is an event where fashion is at its peak, and the highest level of designers bring their all. This year, the theme was American Independence, and many celebrities brought their own interpretation to life.

A theme throughout was referenced to old Hollywood movie stars, such as Marilyn Monroe, which was done by none other than Billie Eilish. Eilish wore a very light pink dress made out of tulle, with a train so long it took up most of the Met Gala’s stairs.

There were many more looks throughout the night that paid homage, such as Yara Shahidi’s dress that referenced French entertainer Josephine Baker, but there was another strong theme that carried throughout the night.

There was also a different interpretation of the theme of American Independence as many celebrities took this fashion show as a chance to bring awareness to certain issues and famous figures from various social justice movements.

One of the most notable outfits that fit the social justice theme was Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, better known as AOC, wearing a white dress with the words “TAX THE

RICH” written in red across the back.

An article for Vogue titled “AOC Sent a Message With Her First Met Gala Appearance” written by Sarah Spellings, explained the look in detail.

“The Democratic socialist congresswoman wore a white gown by Brother Vellies, splashed with the political slogan across the back...” said Spellings.

The article also delves into how Brother Vellies thought AOC was the perfect candidate for this dress, as she is someone that is willing to fight for change in this country.

Wearing an outfit that states “Tax the Rich” to an event where some of the richest celebrities was a power statement, one that boldly displayed an issue that America has been faced with, as many believe the rich should be paying higher taxes due to a higher income.

While bold, this dress fits the theme perfectly, as what is more American than “fighting” for justice, even if fighting in this scenario means wearing a dress with three simple words.

This year the celebrities dressed to fit the theme in more ways than one, from referencing Hollywood legends, to fighting for social justice issues at one of the biggest events of the year.

Caramel Crisp Corner is the perfect study spot

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It’s that time of year where students are getting comfortable with their classes, the amount of school work they have slowly starts to pile up and they need to find a nice place to study.

Caramel Crisp Corner, a coffee shop and cafe, is the perfect place to study, and is located at 200 City Ctr. in Oshkosh.

This cafe was founded in 1933, and has expanded from a small popcorn shop on Main Street to so much more.

Caramel Crisp means caramel corn, and they have over 15 flavors of savory and sweet popcorn selections to choose from.

They are also known for their homemade cookies, pies, baked goods and other sweet treats.

UW Oshkosh Junior Natalie Walker loves to go to Caramel Crisp Corner to study because it has an ambiance to it that makes her feel productive.

“I love going to Caramel Crisp Corner because the smell of the fresh popcorn circulates through the building when they are popping it, making it the perfect go-to study snack along with their coffee,” she said.

Caramel Crisp Corner’s menu is also filled with tasty breakfast

foods, deli-style sandwiches and salads, coffee drinks and smoothies.

A special feature about Caramel Crisp Corner is that they have a gift shop and toy store located inside that has a wide variety of gifts for any occasion.

Besides being a good place to go for coffee and sweets, Caramel Crisp Corner hosts various events that include craft nights for kids, trivia nights, live music and more.

If you are looking for a change in scenery when it comes to your study spots, go check out Caramel Crisp Corner with some friends and get some coffee or cookies to eat.



Courtesy of Caramel Crisp Corner
Caramel Crisp Corner is open from 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday and from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.



This week in UWO history

Sept. 23, 1926 — A cross country team is formed at Oshkosh when 10 male students respond to Coach Howard J. Hancock’s call for candidates.

Sept. 24, 2002 — John Stauber, author and the executive director of the Center for Media and Democracy, speaks at the UW Oshkosh Earth Charter Earth Summit on the topic of “The Politics of Food Production.” Stauber is frequently featured in the Washington Post, The New York Times, USA Today, ABC’s “Good Morning America,” CNN’s “Burden of Proof” and the Fox News Channel.

Sept. 25, 1959 — The Reeve Memorial Union is dedicated. New Oshkosh President Roger E. Guiles accepts it for the school. The formal dedication ceremony, a grand opening ball and a community open house highlight the three days of special activities.

Sept. 26, 1971 — The Arts and Communications Center is dedicated. It becomes the largest structure of its kind in the old Wisconsin State University System.

Sept. 27, 1906 — President Halsey authorizes school-sponsored dancing, a first. A student petition led to months of faculty deliberations. The new policy, a one-year test period, limited the number of dances to six per year. The new activity was permitted between 8-11 p.m. with only students and faculty allow to participate. The first dance took place on Oct. 6, after a football game with Stevens Point.

Sept. 28, 1944 — Entertainer Irene Bewley performs monologues representing the inhabitants living in the Smoky Mountains at the Little Theater. Her first monologue, “Cures Versus Doctors,” describes the skepticism that abounds when something new is presented. In “Larnin,” Bewley explains the story of an uneducated mountaineer who possessed a script of a Shakespearean play that had been handed down from more formally educated ancestors many years ago.

Sept. 29, 1985 — Eric Kitzman, an Oshkosh athletic director, coach and teacher in a career spanning more than 30 years, is scheduled to become the second Titan to be inducted into the NAIA District 14 Hall of Fame in Stevens Point. Kitzman’s tenure oversaw the expansion of various athletic facilities and the completion of Kolf Sports Center, Titan Stadium, baseball and track areas. Robert Kolf was the initial entrant into the NAIA Hall.

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Hammocking is a real word, I swear

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There is no doubt that the popularity of hammocks has increased over the last few years. According to Allied Market Research, the global hammock market size was valued at \$380.2 million in 2020 and is projected to reach \$639.8 million by 2030.

In spring of 2020, I too decided to purchase a hammock of my own. Late spring and summer of 2020, my friends and I, who also had all purchased hammocks, started hammocking across Wisconsin.

There is debate between dictionaries whether or not hammocking is a real word. In my opinion, it is a word and everyone should let it be.

If you have walked around campus, by the trails on the Fox River, or at Menominee Park, I bet you have seen a hammock or two. It is hard to miss the brightly colored pieces of material strewn up between trees.

Hammocking seems to often be referred to as a summer hobby, but it can also be done during the winter, or any time. I do not like the cold and would not choose to hammock in the snow, but for some, it is their preferred weather.

I have two favorite ways to spend time hammocking. There is a park near my house with a shelter and rafters above. Even if the weather is not great, this is a great place to set up in. There are plenty of parks and stops with shelters to do this in the Oshkosh area.

At my park back home, we take a projector and screen to watch movies on. If watching movies is not for you, grab a book and relax.

If we are not using the projector at the park close to us, our



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At the Student Recreation and Wellness Center, you can rent a hammock for free daily, pay \$10 for a weekend, or \$20 for a week.

second favorite option is going to Pike Lake State Park. There are a few sets of close trees to strap up hammocks to, with a perfect view over the lake to watch the sunset. Putting on some music while watching the sun set is a great way to end a long day.

When not at home, my favorite place to hammock is certainly at Menominee Park. The trickiest thing to do when hammocking is finding a place to set up. If two trees are a few inches too far apart, you are out of luck. Once

you find two decently spaced trees, you are set.

I do not want to give away my favorite spots because they might be full after the fact, but I will say the far east and northeast areas of the Pratt Trail provides some great spots.

Last school year, there was a great set of trees to use outside of Taylor, but when the sidewalk was being redone, the trees were cut down. Otherwise, like mentioned earlier, the paths along the Fox River have good spots.

The Outdoor Adventure Center in the Student Recreation and Wellness Center has hammocks available for renting, so make use of that. If hammocking is not your forte, try renting out a kayak or paddle board before the weather gets cold. There are too many resources available in there not to take advantage of them.

Taking time to stay active and outside while at school has benefited me in my last year here. By spending time hammocking,

I have learned that taking breaks is a necessity. If you are feeling overwhelmed, go hammock. The position you are laying in on a hammock often relieves aches and pains and promotes relaxation.

If you are up for a fun challenge and you live in a dorm, put up a hammock between two lofted beds. It makes for some fun stories and conversations.

Go hammocking; it is a verb to me.

My first real summer in Wisconsin

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We’ve all been in school for over a week now, getting into the swing of things between classes, club meetings and getting to know our roommates, the memories of summer slowly slipping away into fall. Summer 2021 was, in a word, uncertain. Summer 2020 was supposed to be my first summer experience in Wisconsin, as I moved here from Minnesota in the fall of 2019. Then, COVID-19 came along and my chance to experience a true Wisconsin summer well... We all know what happened there. What was supposed to be a thrilling summer turned into many Netflix binges, mask shopping, new hobbies and no traveling.

We were all a little uncertain about what summer 2021 would look like, but I finally got to experience my first Wisconsin summer, and I have to say, it does not get enough credit.

The first place that I wanted to see was Door County. I wandered the walkway at Ellison Bay



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American Family Field, one of the many destinations that newcomers to the state can visit.

Bluff County Park. Snacks were packed, along with hammocks and bug spray for movies out in the woods. If you’re looking for a great ATV route, go to Door County. I also finally got to try some Door County cherries that I originally heard about all the way in Minnesota, and I’m still not a cherry fan. I learned that whether you prefer to walk along the

shores as the waves crash into the rocks or walk along the winding roads, there is literally something for everyone in Door County.

The second item on my “first summer in Wisconsin to-do list” was to go to a baseball game. I grew up around baseball, and for a time in high school I even worked at Target Field in Minnesota. I spent multiple days a week

hearing balls getting wacked, the fireworks after a homerun and the crowds singing “Take Me Out to the Ballgame.” My standards were high in terms of what to expect. In my opinion, going to a Brewers game at the American Family Field is overrated. The food is overpriced, the slide that the mascot goes down is far too short and the seats are just uncomfortable. I’ll have to stick with Target Field as my favorite stadium; sorry Brewers fans. How can one go to a baseball game and not sing “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”? I’ll give it another try next season!

Another summer activity that I couldn’t ignore, literally how could one not hear it, was EAA AirVenture. I had no idea what everyone was so hyped about or why so many people were showing up in Oshkosh; it turns out it was EAA. I had never heard about this before given the fact that I was from Minnesota, but I have been told that even coming from Minnesota I should’ve heard about it. Apparently, I live under a rock. It was a cool experience

to see so many different planes with many different purposes and all of those who came to Oshkosh, and there was Chick-fil-A there which is always a plus.

There were many other positives as well, such as stargazing in the middle of the fields, getting introduced to Kelley Country Creamery in Fond du Lac, trips to Madison for the first time and trying to hit as many state parks as I could before the summer was up.

One of my favorite aspects of this past summer was a sense of normalcy that was finding its way back into our school, our community and our homes. Families could be together once again, travel was approved and we found out that class would resume in person for this semester. If you’re anything like me and have trouble focusing in an online setting, this news brought a great sense of relief — to be in person once again, to learn together, to work together and be united as we continue this year.



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