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Despite acknowledging Homecoming last year, the pandemic prevented most events from being celebrated at a significant capacity. There was also no Homecoming football game since the whole season was canceled.

## Homecoming is (actually) back

By **Mattie Beck**  
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UW Oshkosh is celebrating its 100th anniversary of Homecoming this weekend which is the first in-person Homecoming since the pandemic.

This year there are plenty of festivities for everyone to attend and enjoy, not only for students but also for parents, alumni and community members.

Missy Burgess, associate director for student involvement, said the 100th event is centered around the theme, “Blast from the Past,” and will include more activities than usual, many relating to the university’s history.

“Josh Ranger, the university archivist, put together an artifact display on the first floor of Reeve, near the Credit Union,” said Burgess. “Josh will also be doing a presentation on the history of Homecoming at UWO on Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m.”

Burgess said the biggest event will likely be Titan Tailgate.

“All of the student events generate a lot of spirit, but Titan Tailgate on Saturday in Reeve Union from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. is by far the largest event,” she said. “It coin-

cides with the university’s Family Day, so we have students, faculty, staff, alumni and families all joining us for free food, live music and activities throughout the building.”

The Advance-Titan is also holding an open house from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday in Reeve 19, and 1977 alumnus John Steinhardt, also known as Schizoid Johnny, will also perform at Titan Underground at the same time.

Events are being held all week, with Thursday having many fun hands-on competitions in Shapiro Park, located adjacent to the Fox River. From 4-6 p.m., there will be an inflatable obstacle course, egg toss and a cornhole tournament, so head on over to watch.

On Friday, Reeve Ballroom 227 is hosting “Yell Like Hell/ Lip Sync” in which Greek Life will be competing in a Lip Sync battle featuring hits from different decades.

Greek Life plays a big part in Homecoming, with many of the events being held by the sororities and fraternities.

Alissa Wade, a student and member of Zeta Tau Alpha, said she is very excited for Home-

coming to be held in person with Greek Life events taking place as they have in years past.

Wade said she is particularly looking forward to the Lip Sync event on Friday.

“When we had Lip Sync in 2019, I had so much fun with the fraternity we partnered with, and I’m excited to do it again,” she said. “I missed Lip Sync!”

The main event of the week, the Homecoming game against UW-Eau Claire, starts at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium. Buses will start transporting people to the stadium at noon, leaving from Reeve Union.

Activities don’t end there, as there is also a 7 p.m. soccer game at J.J. Keller Field. Tickets can be purchased on the website or at the stadium.

For many students, this is their first in-person college Homecoming, or just first college Homecoming.

Hanna Gilbert, a junior at UWO, said she is looking forward to all the week’s festivities, but is most excited for the Homecoming game, which was canceled due to COVID-19 in 2020.

“I’m really excited about the

game; I’m going with friends, and it’s going to be lots of fun,” she said.

There were also activities at the beginning of the week. On Sunday, campus organizations painted windows in Reeve Union Marketplace that represent this year’s theme.

The Greek Office in Reeve won the office decorating contest, with the whole office decked out in 1980s paraphernalia.

The Greek Life office is where fraternity and sorority members on campus go when they want to meet, hang out or chat with their adviser.

The Greek organizations also participated in a spoons competition, with different pairings of sororities and fraternities competing to be spoons champion, with Alpha Xi Delta claiming victory in the end.

On Wednesday, comedian Eric O’Shea came to Reeve and entertained students with comedy, providing some mid-week laughs to keep the Homecoming spirit alive.

Homecoming this year is full of fun activities for everyone to enjoy. Happy Homecoming, UWO!



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# Discovery Properties mishandles bats

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A UW Oshkosh graduate and her housemates said they have had three bats come into a house they rented from Discovery Properties in the 2020-21 school year.

The first bat appeared on Aug. 26, 2020, and Discovery Properties removed it a day later.

“We had decent experiences with Discovery at that time, so we had trusted that they cared for our wellbeing and safety,” a student who was living at the house told the Advance-Titan via email.

A second bat appeared on April 6, 2021 and was removed the day after again, with Discovery patching up the chimney this time to avoid another infestation, the student said.

“There was an opening in our chimney that bats were most likely able to come through, so they started patching it closed.”

But the patching job wasn’t enough, and a third bat appeared on April 22, 2021.

“We called Discovery’s 24-hour helpline and the lady on the other end put us on hold. We were put on hold for almost an hour,” she said.

One roommate lost patience and caught the bat himself, since no one



Courtesy of Flickr

Before renting, students should do their due diligence in researching off-campus student housing.

would come to assist that night.

“We called again in the morning during regular hours, and the worker on the other side of the phone had no idea what we were talking about, and never saw that there was a work order put through.”

This lack of documentation was explained to the residents by Discovery Director of Operations Jason Krueger during a meeting between the two parties. The students said Krueger gave them permission to record their discussion.

“I mean, you guys were there, you watched them inspect the house,” Krueger told the renters. “We don’t have a checklist of how many holes did you fill, or where did you find holes, or were there any holes or anything like that.”

Krueger confirmed that Discovery does not document the completion of work orders, and ultimately told the residents to “try to forget” about the issue.

“That’s something you guys have to do as an individual. I can’t

help you through that process,” he said.

Discovery has poor reviews online, with a 1.6 star rating on Facebook and a 1 star rating on Yelp.

“The furnace has not been properly working in our daughter’s house for a week,” one Facebook review from Jan. 12, 2021 reads.

Out of the 10 reviews listed publicly on Facebook, only one person recommended Discovery and left positive words.

“The only reason I moved was because of an unforeseen change in my life. I definitely would rent from them again.”

Discovery is currently a sponsored advertiser on RentCollegePads.com when browsing rentals near UW Oshkosh.

In the past, Discovery Properties Management was found in violation of multiple housing codes for renting uninhabitable spaces to its tenants over a four-year period, according to Oshkosh rental inspection and complaint records previously reported by the Advance-Titan.

To see footage of the bats and hear audio from the meeting with Krueger, check out the video version of this story at <https://advancetitan.com/multimedia-2>.

## Former IT specialist faces theft charges

By Cory Sparks  
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Former UW Oshkosh IT Specialist Michael Van Vonderen appeared in court for a jury trial on Oct. 13, and was found guilty due to a no contest plea for accusations of stealing between \$10,000-\$100,000 in movable property from the university.

With David C. Rashid appearing on behalf of the State of Wisconsin, the state recommended a sentencing of three months in jail upfront,



Van Vonderen

three months imposed & stayed for agent use, three years probation and restitution for the stolen items.

The court then confirmed with the State that they were in compliance with Marsy’s Law, which guarantees victims in the case meaningful and enforceable rights parallel to the rights of the accused, by asking if anyone wanted to address the court.

A plea questionnaire and waiver of rights immediately followed the plea hearing.

This appearance in court was the first significant update on the case since Van Vonderen’s court proceedings on June 7.

According to an internal audit of property that Van Vonderen had access to, the former IT specialist had access to \$28,788 worth of missing university items, some of which he admitted to pawning off to make a profit.

Van Vonderen, who worked for UWO until September 2019, will appear in court for a sentencing hearing scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Jan. 5, 2022.



Emily Togstad / Advance-Titan

At Stevens Park, Liz Jacobson (left) and Sarah Michaels (right) cleaned up the garden. It is the end of the season for many plants.

## Hands on Oshkosh helps to pass volunteer ethic down

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### Column

A couple dozen students had decided to put their Saturday morning to good use and helped a variety of organizations within the city of Oshkosh on Oct. 16. The volunteers were divided between multiple busses where they were delivered to different sites to work.

My group was composed of six people and we were dropped off at the EAA Aviation Museum, a big tourist attraction for Oshkosh as well as the hosting location of the Oshkosh airshow, a national event.

Within the six-person group, we were again divided into two groups: one that worked to clean

the offices and another that cleaned the displays; I was lucky enough to clean the displays. I was able to observe the history of aviation and Oshkosh, as well as get to see others enjoy it due to my work.

Being able to observe the history of something is an integral part of the volunteer process, as is having the ability to appreciate an area’s culture through its past and envelope yourself in it.

Although I’m not terribly infatuated with aviation, it was amazing to see how dedicated some people are and how far they have gone to create such an amazing museum around it, located less than a

15-minute drive from campus.

Although the work was menial and mostly cleaning, it helped to secure a part of history for people to enjoy. If this work and volunteer ethic is passed down, we can ensure that both our culture and history can be enjoyed and understood by future generations.

If you were a fellow volunteer this weekend, I applaud you for your work. If you helped organize Hands on Oshkosh, I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to help the community. If you are reading this and did not previously know about volunteer opportunities around campus, I urge you to invest time to find out about them, and help in whatever way you can.



# Sports



## Scoreboard

### Wednesday, Oct. 13

**Women’s Tennis**  
UW Oshkosh 0  
UW-La Crosse 9  
**Women’s Volleyball**  
UW Oshkosh 2  
Concordia 3

### Friday, Oct. 15

**Women’s Volleyball**  
UW Oshkosh 3  
UW-Stout 1

### Saturday, Oct. 16

**Women’s Volleyball**  
UW Oshkosh 3  
North Park 0  
UW Oshkosh 2  
Carthage 3  
**Football**  
UW Oshkosh 13  
UW-Whitewater 32  
**Women’s Soccer**  
UW Oshkosh 1  
UW-Platteville 0  
**Women’s Swimming and diving**  
UW Oshkosh 51.5  
UW-Eau Claire 177.5  
**Men’s Swimming and diving**  
UW Oshkosh 37  
UW-Eau Claire 174  
**Women’s Cross Country**  
UW Oshkosh 39/33 233  
**Men’s Cross Country**  
UW Oshkosh 4/35 130

### Saturday, Oct. 17

**Women’s Tennis**  
UW Oshkosh 0  
UW-Stout 9  
UW Oshkosh 8  
Marian 1

## Upcoming

### Friday, Oct. 22

**Women’s Cross Country**  
at UW-Whitewater 4 p.m.  
**Men’s Cross Country**  
at UW-Whitewater 4:45 p.m.

### Saturday, Oct. 23

**Football**  
UW-Eau Claire 1:30 p.m.  
**Women’s Volleyball**  
at Whitewater, Cornell 11 a.m.  
**Women’s Soccer**  
UW-La Crosse 7 p.m.  
**Women’s Tennis**  
at Madison, WIAC 1 p.m.

### Sunday, Oct. 24

**Women’s Tennis**  
at Madison, WIAC 1 p.m.

### Monday, Oct. 25

**Women’s Soccer**  
St. Norbert 7 p.m.

### Wensday, Oct. 27

**Women’s Volleyball**  
Finlandia 7 p.m.

# Titans suffer hard loss at home

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UW Oshkosh lost to UW-Whitewater 32-13 on Oct. 16. The loss pushed the Titans (3-2,1-2 in Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play) to 23rd in the d3football.com top 25 rankings. UWW (6-0, 3-0) remains third ranked in the nation.

The Titans opened the scoring in the first quarter with a 2-yard shovel pass from quarterback Kobe Berghammer (his seventh passing touchdown of the season) to senior tight end Justin Kasuboski. Kasuboski now has three touchdown receptions on the year to go along with 144 receiving yards.

Neither team would score again in the first quarter, but the Warhawks would score 22 unanswered points in the second quarter. With 11:21 to go in the second quarter, quarterback Max Meylor found wide receiver Tyler Holte in the endzone to tie the game at seven.

On the ensuing kickoff, kick returner Jaylen Grant was called for

an illegal forward pass in the end-zone, resulting in a safety.

Whitewater scored on their next drive following a 5-yard Maylor pass to running back Alex Peete. Kicker Matt Maldonado missed the extra-point wide left to put the score at 15-7 UWW.

Later in the second quarter Berghammer was picked off by Ryan Liszka, which set up another Whitewater touchdown five plays later. Peete scored on a 1-yard rushing touchdown with 39 seconds left in the first half to increase the Warhawk advantage to 22-7.

In the third quarter, the Titans pulled to 22-13 after a spectacular catch by wide receiver Trae Tetzlaff.

Berghammer found Tetzlaff in the back of the endzone, who reeled in a one-handed catch over a Warhawk’s defender. This is Tetzlaff’s second touchdown of the year. He is averaging 12.8 yards per reception. UWO attempted a two-point conversion, but Bergammer’s pass was incomplete resulting in a 22-13 lead for UWW.

On their next possession, the Titans had a chance to cut the game to six, but kicker Jaydon Haag missed a 41-yard field goal wide left. Haag still has not made a field goal this season, going 0-4.

Following the miss, UWW drove down the field and made a field goal of their own, increasing the lead to 25-13.

Berghammer would leave the game and go to the locker room, and freshman Cody Staerkel got his first real minutes of action in his career. His first pass attempt of his career was intercepted and returned for a touchdown by Liszka. The game would end 32-13 UWW.

After the game, head coach Pat Cerroni said, “The first and third quarter went extremely well. They are a very good football team. We had a few special teams mistakes, and it’s their year this year and I’m not afraid to say it.” When asked about why his team wasn’t able to finish strong for the second week in a row, Cerroni said, “I don’t know, I wish I knew.”

The Titans will face UW-Eau Claire on Saturday, October 23 at 1:30 p.m. at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium. In their Homecoming game, UWO will face a Blugold team that is 3-3 and 1-2 in WIAC play.

When asked about how Eau Claire looks, Cerroni said, “Everybody’s good in this conference. They look really good. Its not about Eau Claire right now, its about us. We need to put a full game together. We need to not make mistakes on special teams, score and stop the other team from scoring.”

The Blugolds will be led by running back Austin Belot, who already has 927 rushing yards and seven touchdowns in six games this season. “Number 5 [Austin Belot] is a very elusive running back. He’s fast as s---, I’m not gonna lie to you,” said Cerroni about Belot. The Titans will look to get a win on their 100th homecoming on Saturday.



Courtesy of UW Oshkosh Athletics

Peter MacCudden tears down the field to evade UW Whitewater’s number 29. This loss marks the first home game in nearly two years.

# Look who’s back, back again

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With COVID-19 putting a damper on many events the past two years, one important event is finally back: home football games that students are allowed to watch in the stands.

This past Saturday, Oshkosh was able to have its first home game with a crowd in the stands since the pandemic began, and it was a sight to see.

Fans young and old packed into the stand to watch, and many even tailgated before the event even started with packed parking lots and the smell of good food all around.

For a lot of fans, this was their first time even at a college football game, whether they were a sophomore without games last year or a freshman new to college.

Lexi Buske, a freshman here at UW Oshkosh, is looking forward to games even though she’ll

be working as a ticket taker for most of the games.

“I’m excited, I’ll be working most of them so I won’t get to watch but I’m excited to see other people get to go to them,” Buske said, “I’m excited to get that experience, I’ve heard really good things.”

A lot of freshmen get to experience these games right away, without having to go through a year without any due to COVID-19. The sophomores this year are

freshmen in a sense, as they are getting to experience these events for the first time.

It’s their year this year and I’m not afraid to say it.

-Pat Cerroni, UWO football head coach

Sarah Schaefer, a sophomore at UWO, is looking forward to getting the full experience of college football games for the first time. “I’m really excited to go out to games with my friends for the first time,” Schaefer said, “It’ll be the first sports games we’re allowed to go to so it’s a big deal to get to experience it for the first time.”

Schaefer was excited to be at the game on Saturday and experience what a student section felt like in

college.

It seems that everyone was feeling this exact way, as the student section on Saturday was packed with students of all grade levels decked out in gold clothing to cheer on Oshkosh.

Some fans even held signs up to cheer on players, waving them throughout the crowd when a great play was made.

The energy throughout the stadium and even before the game when tailgating was unmatched, with smiles to be seen all around on fans’ faces.

Even though the game was a loss, it was still a celebration in a way; a celebration of the first home game with spectators in almost two years.

No matter the age, whether young or old, fans had a great time experiencing the games again or for the first time, and look forward



# UWO closes season at Reedsburg

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The UW Oshkosh golf team completed its season by finishing fifth out of eight teams at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) championship on Oct. 10 at the Reedsburg Country Club.

The rankings of all WIAC teams, with their respective stroke amounts, from the week-end-long championship are UW-Whitewater 958 (+94), UW-La Crosse 969 (+105), UW-Eau Claire 976 (+112), UW-Stout 988 (+124), UW Oshkosh 992 (+128), UW-Platteville 1,051 (+187), UW-River Falls 1,057 (+193) and UW-Stevens Point 1,057 (+193).

Erika Priebe, who finished sixth overall in the WIAC championship with a three-round

score of 239 (+23), said she took great pride in how she and the rest of the UWO golf team competed in Reedsburg.

“I was very proud of my team and how they all played at the WIAC championship,” Priebe said. “We had our low round of the year the first day, which was a big accomplishment for all of us.” She also said she was happy with how she played that week-end.

Kaylee Sadowski, who finished 60th in the field with a three-round score of 294 (+78), said that the team beat out expectations this year. She also said that there is room for improvement with her own golf game.

“There’s always room for improvement, but I say overall at the WIAC championship our team exceeded expectations,”

Sadowski said. “From my own individual experience I have room to grow and it was a great opportunity to compete in such a high-level conference.”

While intangibles such as swing mechanics and fundamentals are important, Priebe took this year, her fourth as a member of the team, to focus on her mental approach to the game. She said she stressed the importance of it from the beginning of the year until the team’s last meet at Reedsburg.

“The biggest thing I had to work on was my mental game. I feel like that is something I really improved on from the start of the season until conference,” she said.



Courtesy of Steve Frommell

Margherite Pettenuzzo tees off at a UWO meet earlier this season

# Titans shut out Pioneers in double OT



Courtesy of UWO Athletics  
Rylie Kaufmann wins the game.

By Jacob link  
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On Saturday Oct. 16, the UW Oshkosh Women’s soccer team defeated UW-Platteville in double overtime 1-0. Throughout regulation, both teams were deadlocked although UWO led in shots 13-10 and forced eight Platteville saves. The Titans won the game in the second overtime period after a Rylie Kaufmann penalty kick.

Forward Mallory Knight was fouled inside the penalty box in the 101st minute to set up the penalty kick. Kaufmann now has scored on all three of her penalty kicks attempts this year and scored her second match winning goal of the season.

UWO had 16 shots in the game, including four from Knight and three from Kaufmann. Titan goalkeeper Erin Toomey saved two shots and has six clean sheets while only allowing seven goals in 1,103 minutes played

this season.

After the game, Kaufmann opened up about the game winning goal.

Kaufmann said, “my teammate Mallory Knight worked hard to get the ball past [a Platteville defender]. Mal got taken out in the box which led to the penalty kick. I then ran over by Mal to make sure she was okay and to help her up. Since she was the one who drew the foul, it was her penalty kick to take so I gave her some encouragement saying, ‘you got this, it’s all yours.’ She then said to me, ‘no I don’t want it, you got it.’ After I made sure she didn’t want to take it, I grabbed the ball and set it up on the PK spot. As I waited for the ref to get everyone else set, I just kept staring at the ball not giving the goalie a chance to try and intimidate me. The ref blew his whistle, I took a deep breath then calmly and collectively struck the ball into the back of the net. It was double overtime so golden

goal ends the game, so my PK ended it. My teammates and I were so excited. We all celebrated! I have put away two PKs in two other games, which has allowed my team to trust me to put the ball in the back of the net in a nerve-racking situation. It means a lot to me that my team trusts me to do so.”

The Titans improved to 11-2-1 (4-0 in Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play) and share first place in the WIAC with UW-La Crosse, who is also 4-0 in WIAC play.

UW-Platteville fell to 7-3-3 (0-3-1) and is seventh in the WIAC. The match was the 28th between the two teams and UWO leads the series 23-4-1. The Titans will play UW-La Crosse in a battle between the top two teams in the WIAC on Saturday Oct. 23 for Homecoming. The game will be at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium at 7 p.m.



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Ball falls to 2-2-3 this season.

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## WIAC Kwik Trip Athletes of Week (Week of Oct. 11 – 17)

UW Oshkosh athletes were nominated for the WIAC Kwik trip Athlete of the Week, but did not earn top honors this week.

The nominees include:

- Steven Potter, Men’s XC
- Hannah Lohrenze, Women’s XC
- Rylie Kaufmann, Women’s soccer
- Maddie Young, Women’s soccer
- Alex Jernberg, Men’s swim
- Francesca Schiro, Women’s swim
- Bailey Schroeder, Women’s dive
- Michelle Spicer, Tennis singles
- Alyssa Pattee and Hannah Stitt, Tennis doubles
- Riley Kindt & Amelia Hust, volleyball



Arts & Entertainment

‘Schizoid Johnny’ comes to UWO

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After more than 5,000 professional performances, a 1977 alumnus is coming back to his alma mater to perform at the 100th anniversary of UW Oshkosh’s Homecoming.

John Steinhardt, also known as Schizoid Johnny, will perform at the Titan Underground in Reeve Memorial Union from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday during Titan Tailgate.

“I know it is going to sound strange, but being a musician is part of my structure,” Steinhardt said. “It’s who I am and I knew right away when I was a little boy.”

Steinhardt was raised in Al-lenville, north of Oshkosh. He started his music education at 8 when he learned how to play the trombone. By 11, he had learned how to play the guitar, and that was soon followed by drums and piano.

He played in jazz bands at Winneconne High School and while still in high school, he started studying trombone and music theory at UW-Madison. By 15, he was in his first rock band called Blue Confusion playing at the lo-

cal roller rink, and by 17, Steinhardt was making money playing guitar and touring at bars across Wisconsin and Illinois.

He went on to graduate in 1977 with a major in music education at UWO, where he studied and performed with Clark Terry, an American swing and bebop trumpeter.

Steinhardt said he played and recorded trombone in the soundtrack of Exit Dying, a movie that was written, edited and directed by UWO professor Bob Jacobs in 1976, which starred actor Henry Darrow, who was best known for his role as Manolito “Mano” Montoya on the 1960s television series The High Chaparral.

During his time touring, he performed in Las Vegas where his show combined comedy, characters and multiple musical instruments. His fans called him “Schizoid” because he would switch from one character to another and from song to song. He said the name just stuck.

He has been a professional musician for 50 years and has been a touring musician for 31 years. He has performed in 5,417 professional performances and has given 19 years of service as

a music educator in Wisconsin, California, Texas, Wyoming and Montana.

Steinhardt said that he gets his inspiration from many different styles of music.

He draws influences from such musicians and bands as Buddy Holly, The Allman Brothers, Bruce Springsteen, Kansas and Rush.

He also said his time at UWO is what really shaped him into the musician he is today. Learning about jazz and classical music helped refine his technique and develop his style.

“I still think back to what a wonderful time it was being part of the music department at UWO,” he said. “At times it almost felt like family and a good place to be at home.”

He said that he loves performing and doesn’t plan on stopping anytime soon, no matter how old he gets.

“There’s a flame. Ever since I was a little boy, there has been this flame from my spirit when I perform,” he said. “At age 66, my body is not what it used to be, but when I get on the stage and I’m warming up, that flame comes back. It is like a rejuvenation of the body and the soul connected



Courtesy of John Stienhardt  
John Steinhardt has been a professional musician for fifty years.

together; there is nothing like it.”

He said that some advice he would give to college students pursuing a career in music is to try to do something no one else has done before.

“Find exactly what you want to do, focus on that one thing, make

a piece of art that no one has ever done before and then never stop doing it.”

Steinhardt said that his performance is unlike anything people have seen before and that people should go if they want to see passion and original music.

Zooloween Boo event returns

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Children and adults of all ages lined the pathways of Menominee Park Zoo on Oct. 16 for the park’s annual “Zooloween Boo,” an event focusing on fundraising for the park and getting locals in the Halloween spirit.

Clad in their best costumes, attendees of the event could be found playing yard games, doing craft projects and waiting in line to trick-or-treat with local businesses and organizations.

Just finishing up the 19th year, the Zooloween Boo started in 2003 to offer families a fun and safe environment to trick-or-treat while connecting with other community members.

Jen McCollian, the revenue faculties manager with the Oshkosh Parks Department, said the event would “never be able to run without the amazing support of the

Oshkosh area community and surrounding areas.”

This year, 37 local businesses and organizations volunteered to set up trick-or-treat stations around the park, 25 of them gave monetary donations and there were 26 who ran events and crafts at the Zooloween Boo.

One veteran volunteer, who goes by the character name of Rosie, reminisced on her years of volunteering, of which she says are “too many to count.”

Rosie dressed herself in a vibrantly colored clown

suit as she welcomed children to the Zooloween Boo with Halloween-themed jokes.

“Where do vampires deposit their money?” Rosie had asked one bright-eyed witch. “A blood bank!”

While the Zooloween Boo proved to be a day filled with costume contests, candy and com-



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Pictured above is Cade Larson, age 3, and from Neenah enjoying some cotton candy, all dressed-up.

munity, the Menominee Park Zoo also used the event as a way to raise funds for future projects.

McCollian says that the funds raised at the event go toward future events held at the park as well as future exhibits that “will, in turn, benefit the community.”

The Menominee Park Zoo also continued to showcase their master upgrade plans, which have been in the works since late 2014.

The Menominee Park Zoo Master Plan said that the upgrades objectives are “expanding the quality and quantity of animal exhibits, creating education space and programs, promoting conservation,” as well as reducing the carbon footprint left by the park zoo.

Some phases of the upgrade plan include a welcome center building and service building to create a safer and more welcoming

environment for visitors.

The phases also include a plan to add new animals with aquarium, glacial plains and north highland exhibits.

The Menominee Park Zoo currently offers four permanent exhibits: the wolf, elk, eagle and otter exhibits, which are available to visitors during the park’s seasonal hours.



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The Paine Art Center holds exhibits all throughout the year, with many exhibits in their gardens throughout the summer and inside exhibits featured in the winter months.

# The Paine, one of Oshkosh’s beloved attractions

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Are you looking for a historic and popular attraction in Oshkosh to check out? The Paine Art Center and Gardens is one of Oshkosh’s most widely visited destinations and was a featured venue on the popular TV show “The Bachelor,” in 2017 for the rose ceremony. The Paine, open year-round to visitors at 1410 Algoma Blvd., is known for its historic European-style estate and magnificent botanical gardens. This attraction also has a beau-

tiful art collection and changing exhibitions throughout all the seasons. One of Paine’s most beloved seasonal attractions is the Nutcracker in the Castle, which opens Nov. 19. Nutcracker in the Castle is the Paine’s holiday exhibit where the whole mansion is transformed and decorated in the theme of the Nutcracker ballet. Visitors can take self-guided tours or guided tours. The guided tours feature live performers and reservations must be made in advance. Senior Meghan Retzlaff said she really enjoys going to the Paine Art Center and Gardens for

the beautiful floral displays and colors. “I went there for Mother’s Day with my mom and I loved all the gorgeous art sculptures and the historic buildings it had.” According to their website, Nathan and Jessie Paine built the estate with an ultimate goal to design an estate that had exceptional architecture, furnishings, art and beauty. The Paines wanted to showcase their estate, so they later opened it to the public for cultural and educational purposes. Construction of the Paine began in 1927, and the outside was completed by 1930. Nathan and Jessie

finalized their legal plans to establish the museum in 1946. Nathan died in 1947, a year before the estate was opened to the public. Neither Nathan nor Jessie ever lived in the house and had no children, but they wanted to share their hospitality with the public. The Paines wanted every person to feel welcomed at the mansion and treated as a special guest throughout their visit. The Paine is open Tuesday-Sunday from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. The cost of admission is \$9 for adults, \$5 for youth ages 5-17 and free for children under the age of 4. Admission includes viewing

the mansion and the gardens. The Paine requires that all visitors wear face masks when touring inside the mansion, but masks are not necessary for the outdoors. “The inside space of the Paine mansion and other facilities are continuously and routinely cleaned and sanitized to make sure everyone feels safe and welcomed,” said Aaron Scherer, executive director of the Paine Art Center and Gardens. “We are like a haven where you get to escape to an entirely new place with beautiful gardens and go inside and see the glorious mansion.”

# Halloween dorm decorating

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Halloween is always an exciting time of year, from costumes and candy, to one of the most fun elements, the decorations. Whether you use spooky, scary, or just fun decorations, decorating can be one of the best things to do for Halloween. When it comes to decorating your dorm, there are plenty of options to choose from. If you’re looking to go for a more simple route, try getting some small pumpkins around your room. They can be found in almost any store, real or fake, and are a great small decoration that adds just a little bit of Halloween spirit. Another great decoration is Halloween-themed window clings. They’re sold at any store that has Halloween decorations and add something fun that everyone can see, even from the outside. For those who want to go bigger for the Halloween season, carving pumpkins is a perfect idea. Pumpkins are available at most grocery stores throughout the month. The Farmer’s Market on Main St. is also a great place to find pumpkins to carve. This is a bigger project and is time-consuming, but in the end,



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Dorm decorating can be simple with small but fun decorations

you’ll have a decoration you made yourself to celebrate Halloween with. To add a spooky atmosphere to your room, stringing up orange-colored lights will definitely set the mood for the season. Pairing lights with those fake cobwebs with the little plastic spiders will for sure get you in the Halloween mood with an eerie glow from the lights and the cobwebs adding an extra spooky

effect. Going along with the theme of stringing things up, there are plenty of spooky and cute garlands out there! With bats, ghosts and pumpkins, garland is a cute and simple way to add some Halloween decorations to your dorm. Hopefully, this helped you find a way to decorate your dorm and get into the Halloween spirit.

# Horror movies get modern remakes

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Michael Myers is back in the theaters, a new “Child’s Play” T.V. Show and “Scream” is being revamped, that’s just scratching the surface of the Halloween remakes. Before jumping into these, it’s time to get familiar with the originals. First we have the titular “Halloween”, with the star of the show being Micheal Meyers. This movie is impossible to simplify and incredibly easy to over-explain. Michael Myers began his killing spree in 1978 after escaping from a mental hospital, and he began striking the town of Haddonfield, Illinois. On Halloween night he targets cops, promiscuous teenagers, and babysitters. His main target of the night is Laurie Strode; however, with the assistance of Michael’s psychiatrist and her insane wits, she’s able to survive the night, unlike seven other victims who died by strangulation, stabbing, and Michael’s brute strength. The series cut a lot of content, and a sequel was released where he escapes and resumes his hunt of Laurie

and her family. Next is the movie with the red-headed menace Chucky. He first appeared in 1988 in “Child’s play”. The film focuses on the relationship between a young boy, Andy, and his doll which has been possessed by the spirit of the murderous Charles Lee Ray. As the curse works, once Charles reveals to the boy that he is not just a simple doll, the boy’s body is the only vessel he is able to escape from the body of the doll to. The two have a dynamic continues for about seven movies and has most recently cascaded into a show which has already begun releasing its episodes. Finally, we have the origin of the Ghostface killer from “Scream”. The movie was extremely satirical on the horror genre, producing gems like “Please don’t off me Mr. Ghost-Face, I want to be in the sequel” and “not in my movie.” Set in 1996, the movie revolutionized the idea of a serial killer, tech savvy and cunning, not relying solely on brute force comparable to other slashers. Seeing as how the movie is getting a remake and not a sequel, all I’ll say relating to the plot is this: get ready for a ride.



# Be cautious when betting on sports

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As someone who is going to school in hopes of being the next Tony Romo of broadcast television, watching and analyzing all kinds of professional sports has been a staple in my life thus far.

With more and more applications and online opportunities to bet on like DraftKings, FanDuel and the ESPN Fantasy prize mode, I jumped at the opportunity to try my hand at sports betting. Seeing that I made this decision in the latter half of 2020, I can't help but think that my eagerness to watch sports for the first time following a country-wide shutdown had something to do with it.

With my limited amount of sports betting experience, I have learned a couple of lessons that I feel are valuable to spread to anyone wanting to get into the game. Before I reveal any of these tips, let me forewarn that I am not an expert; I am merely a college student who bets online and

recently conducted a survey regarding the matter.

For starters, set aside a small amount of money and use fragments of winnings in future pools. Unless you love emotional rollercoasters and the stress of college classes isn't enough, do not go into sports betting pulling hundreds out of your bank account.

If you run through your small amount of designated betting money, do not bet again until you have made at least 20-50 times the amount you plan on betting again. This keeps betting at bay, and it teaches discipline since you must go out and earn more money before spending more in order to ensure that you are not putting yourself in a financial hole.

Another suggestion that I have is to do your research on the betting application that you are utilizing.

Betting sites typically keep a portion of the money inputted. For example, if 10 people are constructing a temporary team of the week

on DraftKings, and they each put \$10 in, there is \$100 put in. DraftKings will only give money back to the top four competitors, in the form of \$20 each.

With four people winning \$20 each, this means that \$80 of the betting money came back to the winners and \$20 went to DraftKings. Many betting platforms use this practice.

A way to maximize your potential gains is to look for sites that give the highest percentage of bets back to its winners.

Researching what sports you are betting on is just as essential as researching the betting format itself. If you are betting on a certain team to win, back your decision up with evidence. Look up injury reports, records of both teams, matchups within the game and any other information you can find.

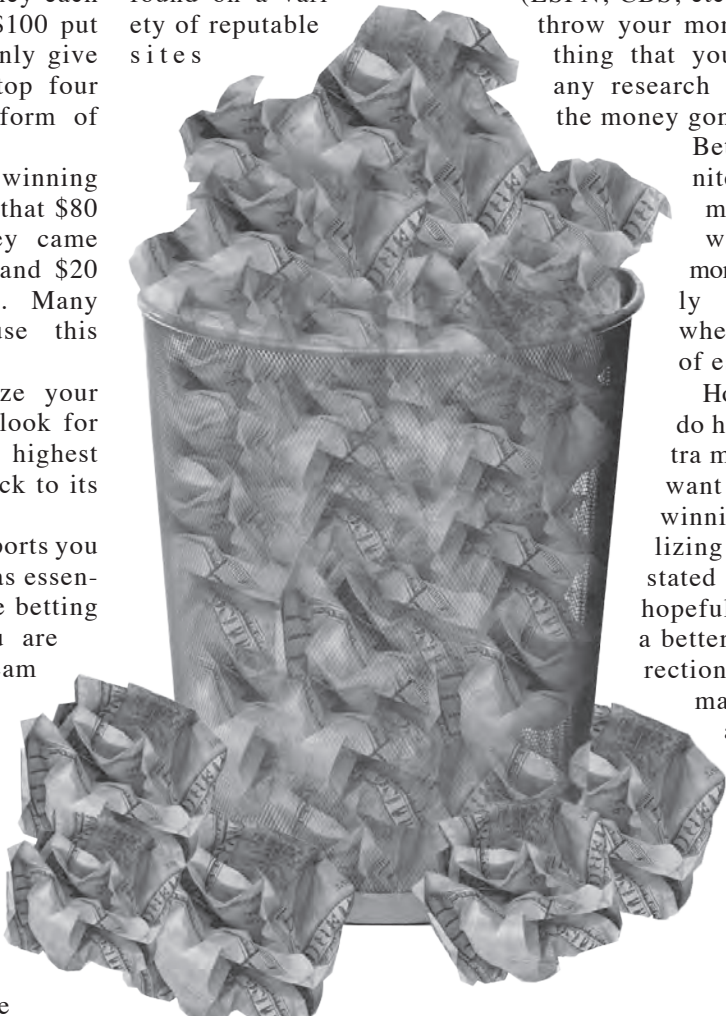
Stats are public information and can be

found on a variety of reputable sites

(ESPN, CBS, etc.), so if you throw your money at something that you barely did any research on, consider the money gone.

Betting is definitely not the most risk-free way to make money, especially in college where money is of essence.

However, if you do have some extra money and you want a chance at winning big, utilizing the tips I stated above will hopefully give you a better sense of direction on how to maximize gains and minimize losses.



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## Letters to the Editor

# Fighting two pandemics at once

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It's no secret that mental illness has been an extensive challenge during times of illness, loss and isolation in the past year and a half. Government regulations on quarantine and stay-at-home orders keep people inside their homes, but the lack of social outings and

normal routines may keep people inside their heads. As times change, anxiety levels are rising, and people are not sure what will happen next.

The CDC documented a surge of adults who reported having symptoms of depression several months into COVID-19. In the first half of 2019, 11% of adults in the US claimed they experienced symptoms of depression, increasing to 42% of adults in

December of 2020. The increase was most prevalent in adults ages 18-29 (Vahratian et al., 2021). Just under half of a nation's population experiencing psychological distress is concerning, to say the least, and yet the conversation surrounding the issue is lacking.

Since the most vulnerable group to symptoms of depression is young adults, I propose we bring attention to the con-

versation on mental health services for that age group. There should be more funding for universities, such as UW Oshkosh, to educate students on the signs and symptoms of mental illness. It is common for students to neglect mental health because they do not realize the severity of an issue, or they believe it is just "part of college" to feel that way.

College students already deal

with numerous stressors in their everyday lives, and it's safe to say that COVID-19 is just another thing to pile on the list. Consequently, mental health upkeep should be at the forefront of the conversation. It's not just masks that save lives, it's mental health care too.

# UWO is no longer requiring masks!

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Did you believe that? Accepting the first thing you see doesn't make it right. Lack of media literacy is a growing issue with teens and young adults, and it needs to be stopped.

Media literacy is the ability to navigate the internet in search of the truth instead of believing the first article or post you come across. Using critical thinking, people need to search on various websites and use multiple sources to come to a definite answer.

Without doing the research, individuals are prone to accept misinformation and never know it. You would be stuck in a mindset that you believe to be fact, when in reality, you just hold a strong opinion.

Let's use an example, focus-

ing on a problem on our own UW Oshkosh campus – the use of masks.

There have been posters placed throughout Halsey and Reeve regarding if they were optional or not. The truth, when indoors and in large crowds, is that masks are mandatory on campus. Otherwise, it's your de-

cision to wear them when alone in an office or building or hanging outdoors.

The University's Chancellor, Andy Leavitt, released an email to every student and faculty member about the rules for mask-wearing and the consequences of going against COVID-19 guidelines.

If students were to look at the UWO official website and examine the home page, they'd know that the posters were fakes. There would be no need for a campus-wide email to be sent and no backlash from those stating the posters were legit.

Teens and young adults need to think critically before believ-

ing what they see and hear. Misinformation and false "facts" are easily spread, and the rise of all media only enhances the problem.

Media literacy needs to be taught in all classes and should be the first thing people think about before believing information.

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