

Masked in dorms no more



Katie Pulvermacher / Advance-Titan

Various students in Taylor Hall gather in a student lounge without needing masks since Leavitt's announcement during the Oct. 25 town hall. Leavitt loosened mask restrictions on campus after seeing campus numbers drop a significant amount since they were put in place.

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A steady 1% positivity rate has caused university officials to pull back on COVID-19 mask restrictions at UW Oshkosh.

"We follow the science, and where the science suggests, this is where we go," Chancellor Andrew Leavitt said at his recent town hall meeting. "To that end, we made an announcement to change some of the mask requirements for those students living in residence halls and also some of the testing requirements for our off-campus students."

On Oct. 25, the university community received an email from Leavitt about "relevant data and science by UWO's Emergency Operations Committee and with support from Winnebago County Public Health."

The student vaccination rate is nearly 73% and the faculty/staff vaccination rate is 77%. UWO continues to encourage vaccination even after reaching the 70% mark.

"It's important to recognize it is your hard work that's getting results," Leavitt said in the email.

Starting on Oct. 25, "masks are no longer required for students in residence halls on the Oshkosh campus." This is true except in areas marked with "mask required" signs, or when hall residents are in a meeting with staff members or in an employee staff office area.

Off-campus students and all

faculty and staff are no longer required to test unless they are experiencing symptoms.

Nonetheless, masks are still required for individuals, regardless of vaccination status, in all other university buildings and for residence hall employees while at work.

Testing is required once per week for all unvaccinated employees and students who live in the residence halls. Even as mask requirements are being lifted in residence halls, it is still important to ensure that positivity rates do not increase. There will still be testing available on access campuses.

"We are so thankful that our students have been doing their part to make our UWO community as safe as possible," Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs & Dean of Students Art Munin said. "They have been wearing their masks and getting vaccinated and we all appreciate their commitment to their health and the health of those around them. By staying on this path, I am optimistic that we are going to continue in this positive direction."

Many students were left confused on where exactly in residence halls masks were need-

ed. In an email sent by Allison McKinley-Kirkland, Residence Hall Director of Taylor and Donner Halls, clarifications about where masks are needed and not needed were made clear.

"We recognize there has been some confusion regarding what those areas are, and we hope to offer clarification," McKinley-Kirkland said in her email.

Masks are required in the lobby areas, the front desk and both

the North and South basements in all areas. Masks are not required on residential floors, bathrooms on residential floors, floor lounges on residential floors, elevators and stairwells.

Students in the residence halls are excited by this news.

"It's about time," said Marissa Guyette, a resident in Taylor Hall. "I'm looking forward to heading in the right direction to get back to normal."

These new mandates will last through Nov. 25, unless change is needed. While in an area where masks are no longer required and an individual is wearing a mask, UWO asks that a mask be put on in courtesy of others.

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- Andrew Leavitt
UWO Chancellor

Oct. 25 town hall highlights

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- This past weekend was Homecoming, as well as Family Day. UWO combines the two to involve people in Reeve Memorial Union. There was a great turnout, with over 900 parents signed up for Family Day.
- UWO has lifted the testing mandate for unvaccinated off-campus students and employees and the mask mandate for students in the residence halls within their floor community. Even though these mandates are lifted, UWO is still encouraging masking, and employees will be required to wear masks in the residence halls.
- UWO is currently in the third round of COVID-19 relief funds for students. This fall round has already been disbursed within the last couple weeks through direct deposit or mail. All the qualified students should have been notified through TitanWeb of their eligibility and been informed on the amount that they were receiving. Qualifications include FAFSA on file for that particular student, as well as enrollment. Another round will be disbursed in spring.
- Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs & Dean of Students Art Munin spoke on recent gains in student involvement across all three campuses. The Oshkosh campus has had 250 events planned during the 14-week semester with a total of 7,683 students attending thus far. That number grows daily.
- Munin also said there are 47 new sorority members, 31 new fraternity members and 134 student organizations. Residence Life held 144 programs with almost 900 students in attendance. The Student Recreation and Wellness Center is open daily and so far there have been 27,000 swipes to get in.
- Last May, UWO added additional commencement ceremonies to lower the audience size. There were two ceremonies rather than four. UWO will continue with more ceremonies, smaller audiences and fewer students.

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Campus reacts to in-person advising

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UW Oshkosh is holding in-person advising appointments for the first time since the COVID-19 outbreak sent everybody home for remote instruction.

To accommodate the recent circumstances, just like with classes and club and organization meetings, advising appointments have been held online using video chat platforms such as Zoom, Blackboard, Collaborate Ultra and Microsoft Teams.

Elizabeth Taylor, an academic adviser for the Honors College, said she had a mixed reaction when she found out that advising would take place in person this semester. She said that she was slightly reluctant about face-to-face interactions, but she was also looking forward to working with students in person once again.

“I’m fully vaccinated, but I still worry about having hundreds of meetings face to face with students,” Taylor said. “At the same time, I was happy to be getting back to some form of normal advising.”

Anamay Del Real, a UWO third-year nursing student, said she feels that in-person advising can enrich the college experience, but that she understands the preferences of those who aren’t ready for face-to-face interaction quite yet.

“I think it’s nice because I know a lot of people miss that in-person interaction, and it gives you the full college experience,” Del Real said. “I still think it’s nice that there are online options for people that want to be more cautious.”

Some advisers, such as radio/TV/film professor Caryn Murphy, are still having appointments online. Murphy said she has found numerous benefits with virtual ad-



Cory Sparks / Advance-Titan

With COVID-19 restrictions dying down, advising appointments are now able to be back in person. Students over the past few weeks have been able to meet in their adviser’s office, rather than meeting online.

vising. Scheduling flexibility was a huge benefit that she honed in on.

“I think the biggest advantage of virtual advising is that I can change my office hours every week,” Murphy said. “I typically have 30-plus students assigned to me for advising, and it never worked well to tell them, ‘My office hours are these three times every week, and that’s the easiest time for you to come in and see me.’”

While there are benefits present for some advisers, other advisers, like Taylor, see disadvantages.

One disadvantage Taylor said she found was that it is hard to pick up body language cues and other physical mannerisms on a screen.

A student may seem satisfied with one class by strictly judging their diction and tone of voice, but if their facial expression changes (which is impossible to detect if a

student has their camera off), this could be an indicator to Taylor that other options may be of greater interest.

“When meeting in person with students, I’m able to pick up on sometimes subtle physical cues that help me get a sense of how a student is really feeling,” she said. “It was very difficult to read these cues online. It’s [also] much easier to tell if a student is following along and understanding what I’m saying if we are meeting in person.”

Del Real, who has her advising appointment scheduled in the future, said she doesn’t lean either way in terms of the form of her advising appointments. She also said that having each option for certain circumstances is very convenient.

“I personally don’t have a preference, but I appreciate that there

are options,” she said. “If one day I am really busy, the online option is there, but I still value being able to go in person and have that interaction.”

Murphy said she hasn’t had much feedback from students regarding online advising, but one student seemed relieved that Murphy was available online in general.

“I should seek more feedback from my advisees on it,” she said. “Yesterday, a student asked to interview me for a project she’s working on and when I suggested that she just put herself on my calendar, she was relieved - she was hoping we could meet in Teams. I haven’t had advisees give me info on what they like or dislike about it.”

Abortion bills pass Senate, but likely won’t become law

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A Democratic state senator said she fears four Senate bills on abortion that were authored by Republicans would make Wisconsin “the northern Texas on abortion laws,” if they are not vetoed by Gov. Tony Evers.

In a press release, Sen. Kelda Roys of Madison said: “Another day in the Senate, another round of dangerous bills aimed at restricting abortion, forcing false words out of doctors’ mouths and controlling people’s bodies. There are so many bills that could actually improve the health and lives of women and babies in our state, and that would reduce the need for abortion ... but the GOP is blocking them.”

On Oct. 20, without a single vote from the Democrats, the Senate passed a series of bills to restrict abortion. The first would defund abortion providers by disabling them from current access to Medicaid, unless situations of rape, incest or a threat to the mother’s life are present (SB 503). The second bans abortions based on sex or race, and requires doctors to inform the parents about congenital conditions (SB 592). The third requires doctors to inform every woman seeking an abortion that she can change her mind after the first dose

of drugs during the chemical abortion process (SB 591). The fourth bans abortions based on the unborn child’s sex, race or origin (SB 593). Three of these proposals Evers vetoed last legislative session.

Currently, Wisconsin laws state that a woman must have a counseling appointment before an abortion is permitted and then wait 24 hours between the appointment and the procedure itself. It is illegal to go through with the procedure after 21 weeks.

Gallup ran a poll on American’s views on abortion in 2020. Out of U.S. adults, 48% were pro-choice and 46% were pro-life. The Republican party stood 29% choice and 68% life. The Democratic party stood 72% choice and 24% life. The most common view on abortion for Americans is that it should be legal only under certain conditions (50%) with the extreme views of being legal never (20%) or always (29%) being outliers.

The Advance-Titan contacted Sen. Dan Feyen, a Republican who represents Oshkosh and voted for all four bills, for comment. However, his office responded that he had no interest in making a comment at this time.

But State Rep. Gordon Hintz, D-Oshkosh, said: “These bills are all about Republican politics and about appeasing anti-abortion ac-

tivists whose goal is making all abortions illegal in Wisconsin. Legislative Republicans know these proposals won’t become law, but they are more focused on their own 2022 electoral politics than on enacting policies that would prevent unwanted pregnancies or supporting healthy pregnancies and healthy babies.

“Like the vast majority of Wisconsinites, I support people having access to safe, legal, judgment free abortion when they make that personal decision,” Hintz said. “I strongly oppose Republicans’ efforts to limit access to compassionate, medically accurate healthcare, and will vote against these dangerous bills when they come before the Assembly.”

UW Oshkosh students have varying opinions on the bills.

Jack Peterson, president of Oshkosh College Republicans, said: “One proposal in the package would prohibit abortion based on the unborn child’s sex, race or national origin. This proposal will hopefully limit abortions based on discrimination. Gov. Evers has vetoed abortion bills before and it would be a shame to see him do this again with the newly proposed bills.”

Keegan Little, president of Oshkosh College Democrats, said: “College Democrats believe that abortion is healthcare and health-

care is a human right. This unconstitutional attack on reproductive rights is a frightening example of the Wisconsin GOP’s priorities. We are glad that we have a Democratic governor who will veto these bills. If Roe v. Wade is overturned by the Supreme Court then abortions would be illegal in Wisconsin. This is why the Wisconsin legislature must pass the RESPECT Act which ensures the right to have an abortion in Wisconsin.”

On Oct. 23, a survey on political stances around these bills was sent to students scheduled to graduate from UWO in 2024. About 55%, or 13 of the 23 who responded to date, said the proposals should not become law.

But some disagreed. One student wrote: “I understand not everyone has the perfect situation, but it’s still someone’s life. They could cure cancer, create world peace... the possibilities are endless.”

The student said abortion takes away a person’s right to experience a moment of happiness or joy. “Being happy are the moments in life that make life worth living. That’s exactly what abortion does, takes away these moments away from someone.”

Evers will likely veto the bills, should they reach his desk.

Arts & Entertainment

UWO professor works on ocean drilling project

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UW Oshkosh alumni and current Geology lab professor Jason Coenen is working on an ocean drilling project, and last Friday he delivered a talk about his experience.

Coenen said that he is working on numerous missions and expeditions around the world for analyses of sediments dating back to the Mesozoic era.

“I’m working on two sites as part of the International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) Expedition 361,” Coenen said. “I have also been staffed to sail on IODP Expedition 392, which will go back south of Africa but has a goal of looking at sediments that are from before and after the event that led to the extinction of dinosaurs.”

Coenen said that all six sites he is working on are overseas

in the region in the ocean South of Africa and between Mozambique and Madagascar.

Coenen was one of roughly 30 scientists in a cast of 130 staff members, and he is utilized for paleontology studies among the many interdisciplinary experts needed for such an expedition.

“In total the expedition had ~130 staff members. This ranges from cooks, to technicians, to doctors, to scientists,” he said. “In total 30 scientists are picked to sail based on a number of factors. Primarily scientists are staffed for paleontology, —what I sailed for— geochemistry sedimentology, and physical properties.”

Coenen also stated that the expeditions are just one portion of a long chain that leads from proposals all the way up to scientific publications used for educational purposes. He said that time tables vary and that there are a



Courtesy of Jason Coenen
Jason Coenen is a UWO alumnus that graduated in 2015 and is currently is apart of the IODP Expedition 392.



plethora of verification processes along the way.

“The expeditions themselves are proposals submitted by groups of scientists that have a target area and research questions,” Coenen said. “The expedition I went on from test site sampling/studies to proposal submission and acceptance was about 20 years. Typically it takes around four to five years for a bunch of the collaborative projects to reach their final stage.”

Coenen, a 2013 UWO graduate who got his Ph.D. at Northern Illinois University, states that a couple of projects he has been involved in are nearing the submission stage.

Although this may make it seem as if the work Coenen is involved in will be published soon, he stated that the reviewing and editing process can take another few months or years depending on the extensiveness of the doc-

uments and research.

“I’m close to getting papers submitted on the two sites I worked on,” he said. “I’m hoping to have one of the two out for submission by the end of this academic year. Depending on the journal it can take months to years for peer-review and final publication.”

As for Coenen’s favorite part of expeditions, like the one he is currently working on, he said that being a part of ocean drilling’s history and working around other like-minded individuals in the science field has been very exciting for him.

“It is an amazing experience to be part of the collection process and take part in the history of ocean drilling that is now at year 53,” Coenen said. “I really do think that the research task at hand, when we go out to collect this material, and the people you meet and collaborate with

are some of the most interesting outcomes for international ocean drilling.”

For anyone interested in ocean drilling or geology in general, Coenen said students should get involved with projects, and he extends himself out as a resource for anyone interested in the IODP project. There is a way for interested students of all ages to get involved.

“Get involved in research. While working on my Ph.D. I tried to give back in the sense of taking on undergraduate research mentees,” he said. “The IODP is always looking for ways to get younger scientists involved. They do a ship to shore program where a class, grade school up to college level, can zoom in and discuss the project and what scientists do/how they got involved.”

Vox Populi Print Collective at Annex gallery

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Located on the second floor of the Arts and Communication Center, the UW-Oshkosh Annex gallery is showcasing yet another artistic gem.

The latest exhibit, titled “New Work from the Vox Populi Print Collective,” is currently on display until Oct. 28.

Prints featured in the exhibit mostly fall into a single portfolio, titled “The Devil’s Dictionary,” which was inspired by American Civil War soldier, journalist and writer, Ambrose Bierce.

The portfolio was formed by 26 artists, each of which were assigned a letter of the alphabet that they could interpret in any way they wanted as they captured the essence of Bierce’s writing.

One of the prints in the portfolio was even created by UW Oshkosh printmaking professor, Gail Panske, who was assigned the letter “A.”

The collection of artists are members of a print-based artist guild called the Vox Populi Print Collective, which was co-found-



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The Vox Populi Print Collective is a group that shares its work in galleries across the nation and internationally.

ed by the well-accomplished artist Barry Carlsen in 2017.

Carlsen said the initial idea of the Vox Populi Print Collective was sparked by a conversation with an old graduate school friend.

“We discussed our feelings about the difficulty of finding wide-ranging exhibition opportunities for printmakers,” Carlsen said.

Now, the Vox Populi Print Col-

lective shares its work through national and international galleries by networking with other artists and galleries.

Carlsen has created two of the prints in the exhibit through a print-making process called li-

thography.

“It’s a technical medium,” Carlsen explained. “But it offers the widest range of application in printmaking, as I see it.”

Lithography takes advantage of the resistance of water and oil to control ink on an image. It is currently one of the most popular means of commercial printmaking in the world.

However, UWO Gallery Director Leslie Walfish says that visitors of the exhibit don’t need any background knowledge on printmaking to enjoy the show.

Walfish facilitated the process of bringing the exhibit to life, from contacting the artists to setting up optimal lighting for the artwork.

“If you love nature, comedy, fantasy, or social critique, then this show is for you,” Walfish said.

The exhibit will be available for viewing through Thursday, Oct. 28 in the Annex Gallery, located on the second floor of the Arts and Communication Center.

A closing ceremony will take place on Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. and will feature Carlsen for an artist talk as well as a meet-and-greet.

Festive activities near campus



UWO crowns Homecoming royalty

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The tradition of Homecoming-Court at UWO continued again this year, with new royalty being crowned at the football game this past Saturday.

All the contestants were gathered onto the football field at halftime, and two were crowned royalty.

Though it looks easy, there's a lot more that goes on than just standing on the field waiting to be crowned. It's a process, and you have to be prepared for it.

Andrea Colantonio, a senior, ran for Homecoming Court and said it was more than just signing your name on a sheet of paper to run.

"The 'scariest' part was the interview, but once I got there it was so lighthearted and really just more of a conversation," said

Colantonio, "We were expected to attend Homecoming events and wear our sashes to represent the court."

All week long, candidates wore their sashes around campus to represent that they were on the court and campaigned for themselves as well.

They also campaigned by putting up posters around campus, handing out buttons for people to wear and even writing in chalk in front of buildings all week long.

Homecoming week is a very big event here on campus, which is what prompted Colantonio to run for court, especially with her position as Spirit and Events Chairman in her sorority, Zeta Tau Alpha.

"I decided to run for court because it's my last year at UWO, and Homecoming has always been a huge part of my journey here because of my position in

Zeta Tau Alpha," said Colantonio.

Many of the candidates that ran were a part of various organizations just like Colantonio, like sororities, hall councils, the Honors College and sports.

They all play a big part in campus events in their own ways, and by running for Homecoming Court they tie in their experiences with their possible royalty.

Hannah Osborne, who was also on the court, was excited to run for the court to see Homecoming through a new perspective.

"I have seen it through Greek Life competing and through Reeve Union Board working the events but never as the court," said Osborne.

Osborne enjoyed her time running, and also enjoyed being with the other candidates throughout the week.

"Despite the eight of us running against each other, we were



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Jaylen Grant and Hannah Osborne were named 2021 royalty.

still able to support one another," said Osborne.

When it came time for crowning on Saturday, Osborne and candidate Jaylen Grant were crowned as Homecoming royalty.

Osborne was very happy to be crowned, even if being on court put her out of her comfort zone.

"I'm not a fan of big crowds or

situations where all eyes are on me, so this was a bit out of my comfort zone," said Osborne. "However, I would not have been crowned Homecoming royalty if I had stayed in my comfort zone."

Even though not all candidates could be crowned, they all did a wonderful job of representing Oshkosh on Homecoming Court.

Don't read this at night: WI urban legends

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With Halloween approaching, there's no time like the present to immerse ourselves in the spookiest of stories in movies, tv shows and reddit posts—but what about the bone-chilling tales set in your own town?

Celebrate this year's Halloween with Wisconsin's urban legends bound to keep you up at night.

Ghost Zone: Watch for Spirits!

On Sept. 13, 1986, a woman was reportedly hit by a drunk driver on Vine St., located in Eau Claire, WI.

Legend says that every night in September, drivers will be able to see the ghost of the woman running on the sidewalk before she throws herself into oncoming traffic.

When the drivers look back? She's gone.

Beware the Hodag

In the earliest days of Rhinelander, WI, many settlers reported sightings of a ferocious green creature with some gnarly teeth.

Although the settlers assumed they had hunted the hodag to extinction, some Rhinelander residents believe there are still hodag roaming around, aware of their own ugly appearance.

While it's unlikely to cross paths with one of these tortured beasts, you can prepare yourself with the only three things said to be fatal to the hodag: chloroform, dynamite and lemons.

Haunting of Holy Cross Road

According to legend, a woman in a cluster of tiny towns in north-

ern Wisconsin was killed by a train after her car stalled on the railroad tracks.

Now, it is said that if visitors at Holy Cross Rd. park their car in neutral over the tracks, the spirit of the woman will push their car to safety—uphill.

In addition, there have been reported sightings of gnomes around the area. Many say that if you throw a rock at the gnomes, they will throw it back.

The best part: The railroad track is located in the middle of the ghost town Coolidge, where the towns-

people mysteriously disappeared

Ghost of Ed Gein

The notorious serial killer Ed Gein, a former Plainfield, WI resident, is said to continue haunting the area, even after his death.

Gein, known not only for his murders but for digging up corpses to make his own interior decorations with, inspired the infamous stories of Psycho (1960) and Silence of the Lambs (1991).

Residents in the area have reported shadows where there shouldn't be, screaming and fatal curses brought on by the spirit of Gein.

The Creepy Grand Opera House

According to visitoshkosh.com, Oshkosh has a few haunted spots. The most well-known one is the Grand Opera House, which is home to many different productions and shows. The Opera House allegedly is haunted by several spirits.

The Dreaded Kemper Center

In Kenosha, the Kemper Center's hauntings are said to have stemmed from a couple of legends.

Whether the initial story, although not verified, be the nun who was deemed crazy and tossed herself into Lake Michigan in 1900, a nun who fell down the spiraling staircase or a teenager who jumped off of the roof, witnesses claim the Kemper Center is haunted with disappearing apparitions.

Though these legends are fun to read about, we should always understand urban legends are purely for fun and entertainment.

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Friday, Oct. 22

Women’s Cross Country
UW Oshkosh 16
UW-Stevens Point 45
Men’s Cross Country
UW Oshkosh 1/4, 27

Saturday, Oct. 23

Women’s Volleyball
UW Oshkosh 3
Cornell 0
Football
UW Oshkosh 54
UW-Eau Clair 31
Women’s Soccer
UW Oshkosh 2
UW-La Crosse 1

Sunday, Oct. 24

Women’s Tennis
UW Oshkosh 7/7
WIAC 14

Upcoming

Friday, Oct. 29

Women’s Volleyball
at UW-River Falls 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 30

Football
at UW-Stout 2 p.m.
Women’s Soccer
UW-River Falls 2 p.m.
Women’s Cross Country
at Colfax 1 p.m.
Men’s Cross Country
at Colfax 12 p.m.
Women’s Swim and Dive
at 1 p.m.
Men’s Swim and Dive
at 1 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 31
Women’s Basketball
Exhibition at Madison 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 2
Women’s Volleyball 7 p.m.

Titans clinch conference



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

The UWO women’s soccer team commemorates their conference win with a group photo, marking an astounding year for the program.

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Coming off a 4-1 win against UW-Whitewater on Oct. 20, the UW Oshkosh women’s soccer team followed up with a win that clinched first place in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC).

Entering the game on Saturday on a five-game win streak, UWO looked to take the WIAC title against UW-La Crosse. UWO and UWL were both tied for first in the WIAC, as each team had a 5-0 conference record.

The first half was evenly matched with neither team gaining any momentum. UWL out-shot UWO 5-4 in the first half as it finished 0-0. But the Titans came out flying in the second half, scoring in the 64th minute to go up 1-0. Sophomore forward Rylie Kaufmann swung the ball in from a corner kick and found defender Mackenzie Bennett who headed the ball into the back of the net. This was only Bennett’s second goal in the season.

Less than 5 minutes later, the

Titans scored again in the 69th minute. Kaufmann launched a beautiful ball that curled into the top corner, out of reach of the Eagles’s goalkeeper. Kaufmann’s seventh goal of the season put the Titans on top 2-0.

Kaufmann said after the game: “I was so happy after scoring my goal. As a team we were working so hard to get those goals and it felt great to put the ball in the back of the net.”

Kaufman said she was relieved to have the Titans winning 2-0. At that point, but she knew the game was not over and that they needed to put in a full 90 minutes if they were to take the win.

UWL got one goal back in the 77th minute with a goal from Ellie Arndt off a cross from team captain Sophie Amundson. UWO played tough defense in the final stages as they hung on to win 2-1. UWL outshot the Titans 19-9, but goalkeeper Erin Toomey came up big for UWO with eight saves on nine shots on goal.

UWO improved to 13-2-1 (6-0 WIAC), while La Crosse fell to 12-3-2 (5-1). The regular season

title is only the second in UWO women’s soccer history, with the last coming in 2015.

Freshman forward Piper Green said after the game, “

The Titans also ended a five-match losing streak to La Crosse and is now 8-0 at home. UW Oshkosh has not lost a game at J.J. Keller field at Titan Stadium since Oct. 9, 2019, when they lost 2-0 against UW-Whitewater. The Titans are also 6-0 in the WIAC for the first time in program history.

“The whole team worked so hard to win conference,” Kaufmann said. “I can say with complete confidence that we all left everything out on the field that night and it was a well-deserved win for us. But we still need to work hard and win this

coming Saturday as well.”

The win guaranteed the Titans the No. 1 seed in the WIAC tournament and will give them home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

Oshkosh will host their first playoff game on Nov. 4 after securing a first round bye. The winner of the WIAC tournament will gain an automatic bid into the NCAA Division III women’s soccer tournament.

Bennett and Freshman Molly Jackson of the Oshkosh women’s soccer team are Kwik Trip Athletes of the Week.

UWO will play their final regular season match against UW-River Falls 5-9-1, (0-4-1) at 2 p.m. Oct. 30 at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

I can say with complete confidence we left everything out on the field.
-Rylie Kaufmann,
UWO soccer player

The (basketball) boys are back in town

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With the conclusion of fall sports coming up, winter sports are coming hot on their trail. A new season of sports is coming out of the COVID-19 shadow, namely men’s basketball. In an interview with head coach Matt Lewis, he discussed several aspects of the past, future, and how they plan to build up to it

When prompted on the off season and the differences between then and now, Lewis had this to say: “Guys had access to facilities that weren’t possible during the 2020 season. All have made great strides, and there has been a lot of improvement.” He

also added onto the sentiment of physical strides by saying, “The goal of the off-season was to be as strong and healthy as possible.”

As much as physicality plays a role in endurance-laced basketball, it can’t be all there is to a team, which in the case of UW Oshkosh men’s basketball it is most certainly not.

Coach Lewis made this a stark point by saying: “we have a really competitive group with 17 guys on the roster. Practices are intense and competitive with very selfless and versatile players, who have a good diversity of size.” The incoming culture of selflessness and versatility merges well with the program’s

already existing culture, leading to what we all hope is an amazing season.

Basketball’s first game in nearly two years of off-season will take place Nov. 6 against Augustana College.

This will be the first game in nearly two years, but also the first for the freshmen, who Lewis is very confident in. When asked about how he liked the team and how he felt coming into their first collegiate match in a bit over a weeks’ time, Jacob Townsend said: “I’m excited. Everyone around the team is very inviting. I think its cool that we all have the same goal this season, which is to continue the success of Titan basketball.”



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Hunter Plamann, center, averaged 15.6 points per game last season.

“Whatcha Think?”

What is your favorite and least favorite Halloween candy?



Cory, Editor in Chief

Favorite: Twix

Least favorite: Twizzlers



Kylie, A&E Editor

Favorite: Kit-Kats

Least favorite: York Peppermint Patties



Nolan, Sports Editor

Favorite: Mike and Ikes

Least favorite: Hot Tamales



Mattie, Asst. A&E Editor

Favorite: Candy Corn

Least favorite: Black Licorice



Sami, Social Media Manager

Favorite: Dots

Least favorite: Reese’s

Is it time to ‘eat the rich’?

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In early October, information was released on the Pandora Papers, a scope of 11.9 million documents, which were uncovered by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ). These “show how the ultra-rich and powerful move their money around the globe” in secrecy, according to The Washington Post.

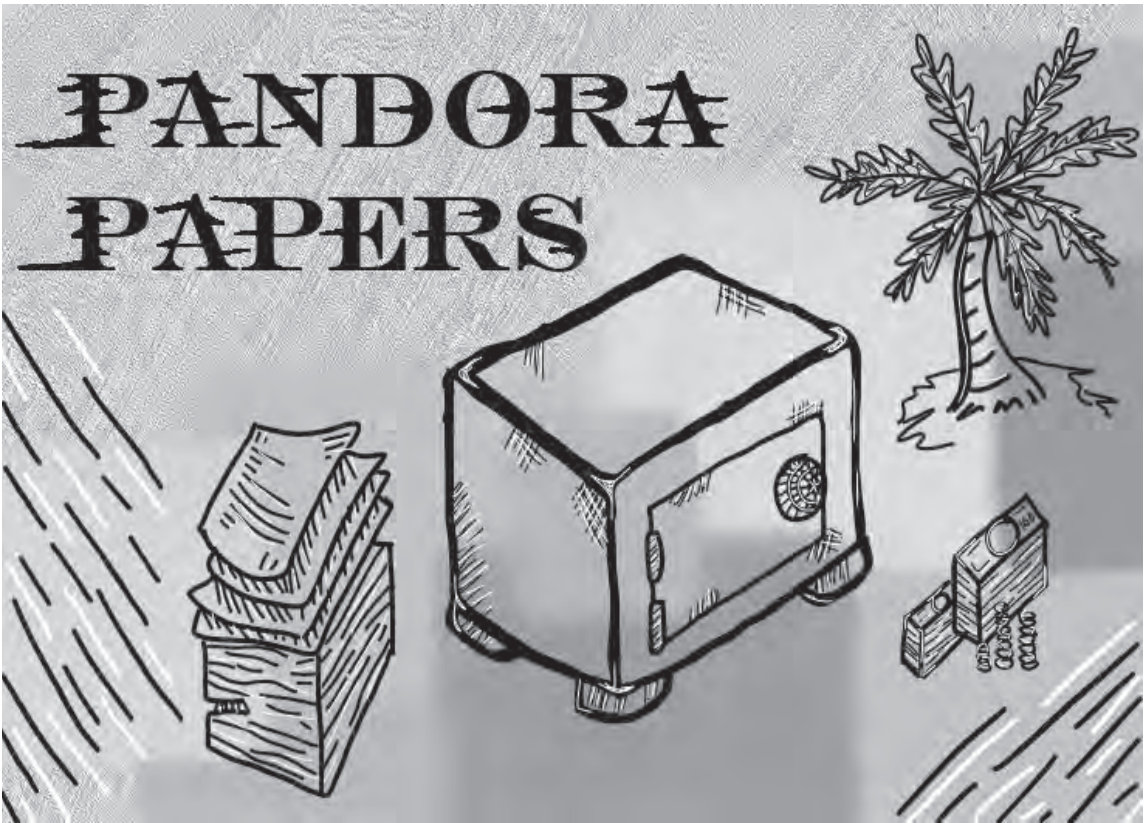
Emails, passport copies, bank statements and more all show how presidents, kings, princesses, billionaires and criminals hide and move money. There are over 600 journalists sifting through this massive amount of information.

It is estimated that corporations and the super-wealthy have stashed away as much as \$32 trillion untaxed, or at a very low tax rate, according to Reuters. This number does not include real estate, art and jewels. This amount is greater than the U.S.’s total domestic gross product in 2020 and more than 10 times the current U.S. budget deficit when looking at the International Monetary Fund.

A smaller ICIJ investigation, known as the Panama Papers, which was published in 2016, revealed an immense amount of hidden wealth that instigated protests in several countries, and led to two world leaders stepping down from power.

“The Washington Post and its partners have found no indication of inaccuracy or that the papers’ release was targeted at any specific individual or government,” said Executive Editor of The Post Sally Buzbee.

Wealthy U.S. citizens such as Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, who owns The Washington Post, Tesla founder Elon Musk and Microsoft billionaire Bill Gates do not appear in the wide range of documents. Financial experts said billionaires in the U.S. “tend to pay such low tax rates that they have less incentive to seek offshore havens.”



Katie Pulvermacher / Advance-Titan

The Pandora Papers do reveal foreign figures who are dealing with the secretive money, including a woman who was allegedly in a years-long relationship with Russian president Vladimir Putin.

Another figure in the papers is Horst Happel, an orange-juice industrialist from Brazil. In 2016, Happel and others paid an \$88 million settlement to the Brazilian government for “allegedly colluding to underpay local farmers.” He set up a trust in the Midwest in 2017.

The U.S. has a few states with very liberal laws. Alaska, South Dakota, Nevada and Delaware have become go-to tax havens for global clients.

If you want to protect your money, Sioux Falls in South Dakota is the place to go.

South Dakota is one of the most liberal states for offshore accounts in the world. The state is not traditionally wealthy, and therefore lawmakers believed making it into a tax haven would spur money and job growth, according to

The New York Times.

It is very difficult for prosecutors to track money offshore. This is for multiple reasons, a few including a lack of cooperation from governments and not having the time or resources.

Tax havens are legal, but for years have been used for illegal purposes. Businesses use them to reduce their tax burden and countries use them to spur investment. “Hiding money from authorities, avoiding taxes you owe, parking illicit gains from white-collar crime, or for politicians to disguise payments” are part of corruption, said NYT.

The Pandora Papers expose how U.S. and foreign citizens move their money outside of their country while facing criminal investigations or costly lawsuits. Some have been accused in their home countries of fraud, bribery, human-rights abuses and other wrongdoings.

Glenn Godfrey, an offshore provider, and his companies in Brazil, have set up trusts, bank

accounts, and corporations for an alleged murderer, a high-profile child sex offender, a mob associate and a self-described constitutionalist who solicited the murder of a judge, a prosecutor and an IRS agent.

Somehow, even as the Pandora Papers are a massive breakthrough, it is not surprising, but familiar. As mentioned earlier, the Panama Papers of 2016 as well as the Paradise Papers of 2017 were both leaks of “legalized corruption at the highest levels, on an almost unimaginably vast scale,” according to NYT writer Brooke Harrington.

Each of these leaks has led citizens to wonder if the law will be equally obeyed by all in relation to taxes. This money could be used in so many other ways to benefit the masses. It has happened before, and it will happen again: public corruption followed by no consequences.

5 must-watch Halloween episodes

By Mattie Beck
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When watching TV during the Halloween season, some of the best episodes are on air. From the costume parties to spooky ghost investigations, there are all sorts of fun episodes to watch during the Halloween season.

Here are some of the best Halloween episodes to watch this Halloween season.

“Friends” “The One With the Halloween Party” (Season 8, Episode 6)

This episode takes place in the later seasons and is a personal favorite. Monica throws a Halloween party at her apartment, and there are plenty of costumes showcased.

From classic costumes like Supergirl and Catwoman to the odd Sputnik costume, the episode is

full of fun hijinks to make you want to go to a costume party yourself.

“Brooklyn 99” “Halloween” (Season 1, Episode 6)

If you’re a fan of the show, you know that every Halloween episode includes a “Halloween Heist”, where all sorts of pranks occur throughout.

This is the original episode that started it all, which is why it’s on this list. It’s what kicked off this tradition that goes throughout the series. The episodes are all great to watch for some light-hearted Halloween fun.

“American Horror Story” “Halloween: Part 1 & 2” (Season 1, Episodes 4 & 5)

If you’re someone looking for more of a scare this time of year, honestly any season of “American Horror Story” fits the bill,

but for this list, I chose two episodes from the first season.

These episodes are truly scary, with chilling secrets being revealed and terror being brought on the characters. It’s not for the faint of heart and is sure to bring some spooks when watching.

“Goosebumps” “The Return of the Mummy” (Season 2, Episode 11)

Even though this show is from 1995, when I was a kid this episode scared the heck out of me. Two kids discover a mummy back for revenge in their basement, and it had me thinking I’d find a mummy on my own that would come after me.

Now that I’m older I realize it’s not that scary, and can enjoy the episode without pulling the sheets over my eyes. It’s definitely a great non-scary Halloween episode to watch.

“Glee” “The Rocky Horror Glee Show” (Season 2, Episode 5)

This episode is one I recently watched for the first time, and it certainly was interesting. The episode takes a twist on the classic “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” movie and makes it a little more PG.

It’s a fun episode, with songs and costumes to pull the whole Halloween theme together. If you love musicals, this Halloween episode is perfect for you this season.

Hopefully this list gave you some fun new episodes to check out this Halloween season, or even included some of your favorites you can enjoy watching all throughout the month in preparation for Halloween!



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