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Gruenhagen Conference Center has hosted a pair of nesting falcons since 2011. There are currently four eggs expected to hatch later this month. The most recent falcon chicks, one female and one male, were named Bonnie and Clyde.

## More than Easter eggs this month

*UWO's peregrine falcons just laid some of their own*

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There are now four eggs in the peregrine falcon box on top of Gruenhagen Conference Center at UW Oshkosh, which has been home to a nesting pair of falcons since 2011.

In that year, Wisconsin Peregrine Falcon Recovery Project founder Greg Septon was contacted by a UWO faculty member about the possibility of building a nesting box on campus, as there were reports of falcons in the area.

UWO partnered with Septon's initiative, and the first pair of falcons moved in. Named Hondo and Deborah, they hatched three chicks in spring 2011.

The four eggs currently in the nesting box are expected to hatch

later this month. A live stream of the falcon's box can be watched at [bit.ly/419BzDu](https://bit.ly/419BzDu).

Roughly three months after they're born, the chicks are given leg bands with a letter and number combination, which are then tracked and used for research.

Dana Hartel, a UWO faculty member who helps tag the falcons, said that the chicks are securely removed from the box and leg bands are placed onto them. By this point, the chicks have reached their adult size and won't be harmed by the bands. After this, the chicks are returned to the box.

Hartel said she became involved partly because she has a great interest in raptors.

"I happened to meet [Septon] at an event and then was able to make contacts on campus to get

involved in cleaning the box after talking with him," she said. "Since then, I have also been involved in the campus arrangements when [Septon] determines the date for the banding each year."

UWO Sustainability Director Bradley Spanbauer said artificial nesting spots like the Gruenhagen box help address habitat preservation, especially an urbanized environment like Oshkosh.

"As we pull or remove strands in the web of life, especially at the alarming rate humans are doing so, we are creating instability in natural systems that hold the biosphere together," he said.

Spanbauer said the box attracts peregrines because it resembles natural nesting spots.

"By establishing nest boxes in high places we are creating an

ideal nest site in a human-dominated landscape that mimics where falcons may nest naturally," he said.

The nesting box not only balances predator vs. prey dynamics, but it can also make conservation fun, since the Gruenhagen box is constantly live streamed.

"You can watch almost the entire life cycle of these peregrine falcons — courtship, mating, laying of eggs, hatching, feeding, etc.," he said.

The peregrine population in the U.S. was declining due to the chemical Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT), an agricultural insecticide that first saw use in the 1940s.

The chemical caused peregrine eggs to become thin and break during incubation.

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## Abortion rights aid voter turnout

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Wisconsin's Supreme Court election on April 4 broke the record for highest voter turnout in a spring election that doesn't coincide with a presidential election.

"Last week's election was literally history-making for Wisconsin," UW Oshkosh Center for Civic and Community Engagement (CCCE) intern Chloe Strand said. "This election would determine the partisan tilt."

The race was won by Democrat-backed candidate Janet Protasiewicz over Republican-backed candidate and former Wisconsin Justice Dan Kelly, who lost the same election in 2020.

Voter turnout had already surpassed 36% by the end of Election Day, beating the previous record of 34% turnout for the 2011 mid-term judicial election.

The \$40 million price tag on the election made it the most expensive state judicial race in U.S. history while issues like reproductive care and gerrymandering divided voters.

Although the Court is technically non-partisan, most candidates' ideology aligns with either one party or another, and the results gave the Wisconsin Supreme Court a 4-3 liberal-leaning majority.

UWO Political Science Associate Professor and Chair James Krueger said the partisan split may have driven more people to vote than in past judicial elections.

"Going into this election was a split 3-3 among conservatives and liberals," he said. "So, the election was particularly important because the winning candidate would create a court majority."

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## University suspends theatre major, minor

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UW Oshkosh students are temporarily suspended from declaring a major in theatre due to low enrollment, UWO Provost John Koker said in an interview.

"There are very few students in the major," Koker said. "There's not enough students to populate a class."

According to public records for the 2022-2023 academic year, 16 students declared theatre as their major, and eight people declared it as their minor during the Fall 2022 semester, compared to 14 students in the major and 21 mi-

nors for the spring 2023 semester.

Documents requested for emails associated with suspending the major and/or minor between deans of College of Letters and Science and Jane Purse-Wiedenhoeft, chair of the theatre department, were declined twice by public records custodian Elizabeth Hartman under Wis. Stat. § 19.37(1)(a). No reason for the declination was given.

Koker said there are multiple reasons the theatre department is declining in enrollment.

"Does the problem start with marketing? Do they need to redesign the program?" Koker said.

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Courtesy of UWO Flickr

Provost John Koker said that due to low enrollment, students are not able to declare a major or minor in theatre. "Grease," a recent musical production, was performed in the fall 2022 semester.



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Luke Meister and Katelyn Lent dance to “Born to Hand Jive” during UWO’s fall performance of “Grease,” which was the first musical performance at UWO since COVID-19 shut down the campus.

# Theatre: Difficulties to grow program

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“However, I think most students are choosing to participate in theater as kind of an outside activity of their academic program.” Koker said incoming students are opting for other majors. “Right now, theatre is not a major our students are selecting,” Koker said. “Many students go over there for auditions, but they’re choosing either radio/TV/film or another major they want to consider.” Koker said that because he isn’t entirely sure why more students aren’t enrolling in the major, he temporarily suspended new students from declaring it as their major. “The temporary suspension is meant for the department to develop a long-term plan,” Koker

said. “It’s to hope that they make changes for recruiting students to change their major, drop their major if they choose to and focus on [merging their minor] with another program.” Although the suspension is temporary, the department has limited time to make improvements before it is eliminated. “They have one year to come up with a plan,” Koker said. “If the department can make its final decision within one academic year, I will un-suspend students from being able to declare the major.” Wiedenhoeft declined to comment on the suspension at this time, but she said that the production season and students currently enrolled are unaffected. “Current theatre majors are

not affected by this,” Wiedenhoeft said. “Also, current theatre minors are not affected by this as well as certificates in which courses are included.” Third-year theatre student Kyle Klein said he’s worried the temporary suspension will affect his education going forward. “I’m now stressing about class availability more than in past semesters,” Klein said. “After speaking with faculty, it’s been made clear that classes needed for the major are not going to be offered for at least two more academic years or possibly never be offered again.” Klein said that not having the right classes available to him could push back his graduation date. “This puts me in a very compli-

cated place, with the hopes I can graduate by fall 2024 ... in question now,” Klein said. Third-year theatre student Jordan Whitrock said he wants to see changes in how the department is promoted. “I would like to see more engagement within the university in helping figure out the problem,” Whitrock said. “I think there has not been much marketing help from the university, which adds difficulty.” Whitrock said that the suspension makes it difficult for the program to grow. “It is hard to grow a major if you can’t offer it to new students,” Whitrock said. “With a liberal arts college, it would be weird to have there not be a theatre department.”

# Voting: Strong advocacy around campus

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He said that candidates who identify with either the Republican or Democratic parties tend to draw more voters to polling centers. “While the election was officially nonpartisan, both candidates demonstrated their connection to specific parties,” he said. “When candidates have connections to parties, it can drive more voters to the polls.” Another factor that drove voter turnout was abortion rights, especially among younger voters, Strand said. “Women’s reproductive rights was a key factor for this race, which I think brought a lot of people, especially younger progressives, to the polls,” she said. “I think what really made this election different was the stakes that were on the line for women.” Protasiewicz was an open advocate for getting rid of Wisconsin’s abortion ban during her campaign and was endorsed by Planned Parenthood and Emily’s List, while Kelly was endorsed by Wisconsin Right to Life. Strand said another factor in young-voter turnout was the

strong voting advocacy around campus. “I think what affected the student voting numbers were the signs posted everywhere, the continuous media pressure from College Dems, College Republicans, CCCE and public talk of what mattered on the ballot,” she said. CCCE director Mike Lueder said another reason for increased voter turnout at UWO is the university’s decision to move its polling site back to Reeve Union Memorial after a temporary set up at the Culver Center. “Having a polling location in Reeve is great for the students who live on campus,” he said. “I hope students recognize how convenient it is to vote here and take advantage of the opportunity.” Poll workers in Reeve reported some of the highest student-voter turnout they’ve seen, Lueder said. “[The Reeve poll workers] did say this was the most college students they have seen for a spring election,” he said. Looking forward, Wisconsinites should be prepared to see more cases looking for a lib-



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Reeve Union was one of the many locations to vote at in Oshkosh on election day. Students can get Voter ID’s at Titan Central.

eral-leaning decision, Krueger said. “We should expect that more left-leaning organizations will try to bring cases before the Court while the majority holds just as more right-leaning organizations did under the conservative majority,” he said. Krueger said students will be most affected by the key discussion topics of the race, including reproductive care and voting rights.

“The impact specifically on students is likely to be on the two issues currently in the spotlight: gerrymandering and abortion,” he said. Lueder said he hopes that students will continue to participate in elections. “I really hope this engagement continues,” he said. “Students are members of this community, and we rely on their voices in shaping the future of Oshkosh and Wisconsin.”



# What about gerrymandering?

*Protasiewicz said she will address the decade-old problem*

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After Justice Janet Protasiewicz’s victory in the Wisconsin Supreme Court election, there is now a liberal swing in the court allowing it to take on her campaign goal of addressing gerrymandering within Wisconsin.

Gerrymandering is the practice of manipulating boundaries of voting districts in order to achieve better results for a party, resulting in voters of an opposing party to be under-represented.

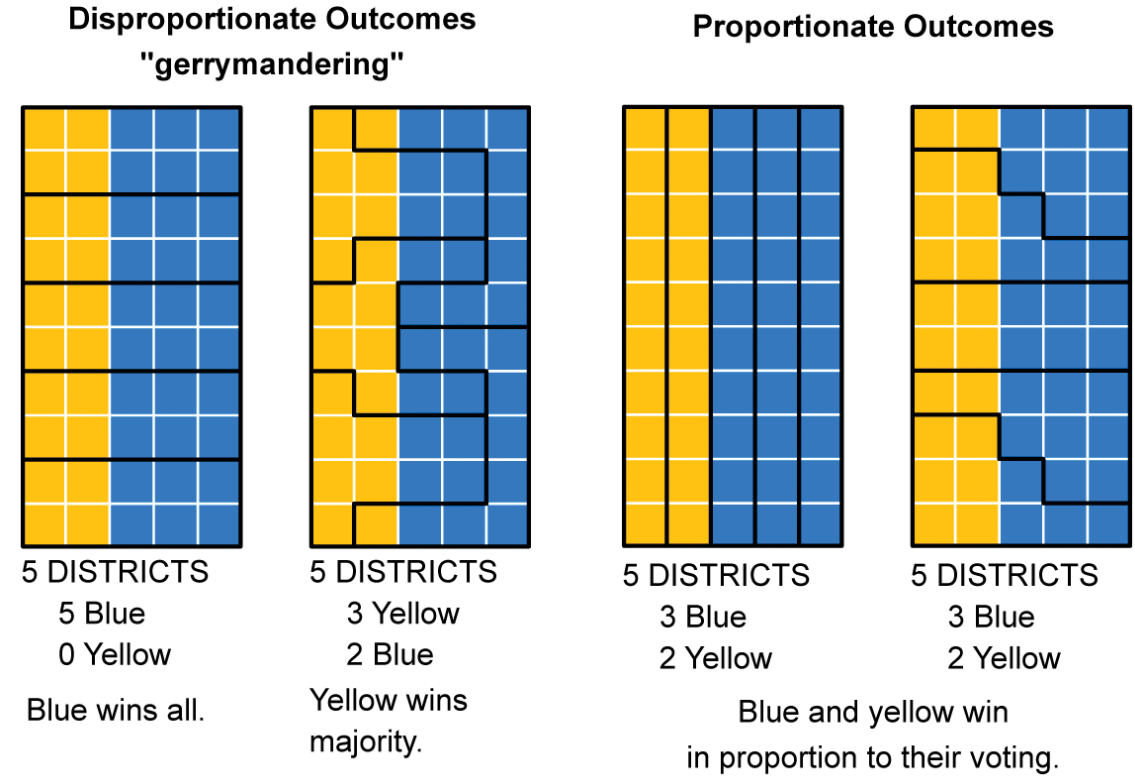
During her campaign, Protasiewicz said that she was in favor of reexamining district maps.

UW Oshkosh political science professor James Krueger said that the state of Wisconsin’s voting districts are poor compared to the rest of the nation.

“Wisconsin has one of the most gerrymandered set of maps for the State Assembly and Senate, as well as the House of Representatives districts in the United States,” he said. “Most experts compare the percentage of votes received by a party to the number of seats they attain in a legislative body to determine the efficiency of a set of maps. Wisconsin has had among the least efficient maps for these offices in the past five election cycles and they’re getting worse.”

Another UWO political science professor, David Siemers, said the history of the current maps are the result of a legislative failure and Supreme Court agreement.

“Legislative district lines are typically the result of laws produced by the legislative and executive branch together,” he said.



Courtesy of Wikimedia

By manipulating district lines, parties can gain voting advantages in a state. Protasiewicz, who won her Wisconsin Supreme Court seat on April 4, said that she’s in favor of reexamining district maps.

“However, the recently adopted legislative district lines are a result of a state Supreme Court decision because the Republican-dominated legislature and Democratic Gov. Evers could not come to agreement on new lines.”

Siemers said the court’s choice was to make the decision that would make the fewest changes to the 2012 map, which leaned favorably toward the Republicans. Their choice was the one submitted by the Republican legislature.

Siemers said that a decision to change the maps will not be taken lightly by the court.

“If the court decides to throw out those maps now, all it is saying is that its prior decision was wrong,”

he said. “Courts don’t lightly reverse their prior decisions, but it happened earlier this year to *Roe v. Wade*, and the state Supreme Court might do the same to its own decision to adopt the Republican legislative district maps.”

Krueger said the effects of these districts is an overrepresentation of Republicans, which can cause non-Republican voters to give up on voting efforts.

“That means Republicans are overrepresented in office compared to their share of the vote,” he said. “Elections are less competitive as the margin for winners exceeds 7.5%. The follow-on effect here is that turnout can decline as elections become uncompetitive.”

Despite her victory, Protasiewicz is unable to lead the Court to rule on the issue of gerrymandering unless a case is presented regarding more efficient maps. Krueger said that in the event of a ruling, it could be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, making possible action on gerrymandering difficult.

“It would be fair to assume (as happened in the last redistricting cycle in Wisconsin) that any ruling could also be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court,” he said. “Recent history there indicates that the U.S. Supreme Court is willing to overrule decisions from the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as they did in 2022 after the Wisconsin

court sided with the Evers administration concerning the drawing of some legislative districts.”

Krueger said that action may be arduous, and that many more factors will be in play than the latest election.

“There are many ‘ifs’ in that story,” he said. “When does a case arise from litigants who have standing? Does the decision support fairer maps? Does the decision get appealed? Does the U.S. Supreme Court take the case? Justice Protasiewicz’s election is likely to shift answers to the first two questions toward fairer maps, but it doesn’t affect the latter two questions.”

As a nation, not much precedent has been set on the matter as states have their own procedures when addressing redistricting, making the issue a unique one. Krueger said the use of politician-designed maps results in incumbent-favored victories.

“Keep in mind that states redistrict many different ways,” he said. “Some allow the legislature or governor or both in their state to have a role. These maps tend to serve the interests of one party or (when the government is divided among the parties) protect incumbents.”

Krueger said that in states where they adopt a nonpartisan approach utilizing the Voting Rights Act, maps are better for citizens.

“Other states rely on nonpartisan commissions that draw maps exclusively on the basis of the criteria laid out by the Voting Rights Act and the U.S. Supreme Court,” he said. “Those maps tend to be more efficient and therefore fairer.”

# Falcons: Septon’s peregrine initiative

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DDT was eventually banned in 1972, but so much of the chemical had accumulated within the falcon population that human intervention was necessary. The species was added to the endangered list in 1970.

On top of this, habitat destruction was also taking place, so artificial nesting boxes were constructed and placed high atop buildings and other structures where peregrines lived.

Septon, who has spent the last few decades revitalizing the falcon population, said he became interested in the species from a young age and was involved in falconry as a highschooler.

“When I was growing up, there were no peregrines nesting in Wisconsin; they were listed as endangered, and I’d often daydream during class about ways to bring them back,” he said.

While working at the Milwaukee Public Museum in 1986, Septon initiated the peregrine recovery program, which included raising funds and public interest, as well as coordinating the first

releases of captive-produced young falcons in Milwaukee.

Septon said that he’s overseen the construction of approximately 50 nesting boxes across Wisconsin, which provide the best chance for the falcons to see adulthood.

“The nest boxes provide a safe, protected space for peregrines to nest in the built environment,” he said. “They can and do nest on structures without nest boxes at times but these sites often fail; eggs can roll off buildings, nests can get flooded out, young can fledge prematurely and end up dead on the ground, etc. So the boxes greatly increase nest success.”

According to a 2022 nesting report, there was a known minimum total of 113 young produced at 39 successful nest sites. The total number of successful nests was down 9.3% compared to 2021, and the overall production was down 7.4%.

Septon said he believes that the Midwest population has stabilized and is expanding as the falcons reoccupy many of their



Courtesy of UWO Flickr

Peregrine falcon chicks born in 2015 atop the Gruenhagen Conference Center are branded. This occurs when the chicks are about three months old. The four eggs currently in the Gruenhagen Conference Center nesting box at UWO are expected to hatch near the end of the month.

natural nesting sites. Still, he said the artificial sites are important, as 50% of the Wisconsin-born peregrines were born at power plants over a 20-year span.

“Nearly 70% of the successful peregrine nests last year were still associated with the human built environment,” he said. “If we stopped managing this seg-

ment of the population, peregrines would again be in trouble ... They still have fully adapted to the built environment and will forever be part of it, so managing these sites will remain important.”

Before the widespread use of DDT, there were about 40 pairs of peregrine falcons in the Midwestern United States, according to Septon’s initiative. By 2003, that number jumped to 128 pairs.

Moving forward, Septon said he’s hoping for others to come forward and help protect and grow the falcon population.

“My hope is that there will be someone with the same passion, determination, dedication and drive to come along and help ensure that peregrines will continue to be a vital part of our urban and natural world,” he said. “[One of my biggest accomplishments is] having been able to stick to this long-term, so we’re where we’re at today, and knowing I can now take people to places where they can see peregrines — something I could never experience as a kid.”



# Sports



UWO's Matt Scherrman hits the ball against Eau Claire April 8 at Tiedemann Field. Scherrman was 5-for-5 in the last game of the series.

## UWO baseball sweeps Eau Claire

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The UW Oshkosh baseball team scored a combined 28 runs in two games as the Titans defeated UW-Eau Claire 16-1 and 12-6, respectively, in both games of their doubleheader April 8 at Tiedemann Field.

With the victories, Oshkosh (15-5, 6-2 WIAC) moved up to No.22 in the d3baseball.com Top 25 rankings and is now tied with UW-Whitewater for second place in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

In the first game, UWO batters had 16 hits,13 RBIs and forced four Eau Claire (5-13, 0-8 WIAC) errors. Defensively, the Titans gave up just seven hits and did not allow a walk in the game.

UWO starting pitcher LJ Waco picked up his third win of the season to remain undefeated on the year, allowing no runs on four hits and striking out five batters in the contest. Jordan Skenandore pitched two innings of relief for the Titans, giving up one run on three

hits and striking out two batters. UWO catcher Hunter Fredrick said the starting pitching was the biggest factor in the series sweep of Eau Claire.

“Our starting pitchers were dominant against the Blugolds in every game of the series,” he said. “LJ (Waco), Connor (Brinkman) and Cameron (Mulvihill) all pitched really well, and that shows we have some of the best pitchers in the conference.”

UWO’s Connor Giusti went 4-for-5 in the game with four singles and two runs scored to lead all Titan batters. Chase Marsh had a five-RBI game, going 2-for-4 with a three-run home run, a single, and four runs scored.

The game was scoreless until the fourth inning, when the Titans put three runs on the board to take an early lead. Nicholas Shiu kicked off the scoring with a solo homer to left field and Marsh hit into a fielder’s choice, driving in a run. Later in the inning, UWO’s Jake Surane hit an RBI triple to increase the Titan lead to 3-0.

In the next inning, Oshkosh

drove in five more runs from a Mason Kirchberg RBI single, a UWEC fielding error and a three-run blast to left field from Marsh. UWO’s lead grew to 10-0 in the seventh inning, when Zach Taylor was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and Shiu hit a sacrifice fly to center field. The lone Blugold run came in the bottom of the seventh inning, when Andrew Murphy hit a solo home run to right field.

The Titans exploded for six runs in the top of the eighth inning behind a two-RBI double from Matt Scherrman, an RBI single from Marsh and a failed pickoff attempt from the UWEC starting pitcher. UWO built a 15-run lead by the eighth inning, and the contest ended due to the NCAA’s 10-run rule.

Fredrick said UWO’s batting and defense really helped the team over the weekend.

“I don’t think we had an error in any of the games against Eau Claire which shows how strong our defense is,” he said. “Everyone really hit the ball well on the offensive side, which allowed us to tack on so many runs.”

In the second game, Oshkosh scored in each of the first four innings to cruise to a 12-6 victory.

UWO’s Cameron Mulvihill won his third game of the season, giving up five runs on seven hits and striking out two batters in 6.1 innings on the mound. Trey Tennesen pitched one inning of relief, allowing one run on four hits. Logan King came in as the closing pitcher for the final two innings, giving up one hit and no runs to pick up his first save of the year.

Scherrman went a perfect 5-for-5 with five singles, three RBIs and two runs scored to lead all Titan batters in the game. Taylor finished with three RBIs as well, going 2-for-6 with a double, a home run and a run scored.

The two teams traded runs in the first inning, with Scherrman hitting an RBI single in the top half of the inning and Murphy responding with an RBI single for Eau Claire in the bottom of the frame. Marsh doubled in the second inning, driving in a run and putting Oshkosh on top 2-1.

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## Softball defeats Eagles

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On Friday, the UW Oshkosh softball team won both double-header games against UW-La Crosse.

The Titans had a slow start to the first game, with no runs until the top of the third inning.

Hannah Ritter reached a fielding error by first base, advancing Abby Garceau to second. Wery walked, advancing Ritter and Garceau.

Megan Rau singled to third, advancing Wery and Ritter and scoring Garceau with the first run of the game.

Gabby Buikema singled to center field, advancing M. Rau and scoring Wery and Ritter.

Brianna Davis singled to center field, scoring Buikema and M. Rau, ending the top of the third with a 5-0 lead.

La Crosse scored one run in the bottom of the fourth, ending the game with a 5-1 score.

In the second game of the day, the Titans swept La Crosse with an 8-0 win.

The first run of the game in the top of the first inning was a homer from Wery, also scoring Ritter.

In the top of the second inning, Davis advanced to third on a bunt from Anna Illiopolous.

Garceau grounded to shortstop, scoring Davis with one run for the inning.

There was no scoring until the top of the fifth, with Sydney Rau reaching on a throwing error and advancing Buikema to second, Wery to third, and Lizzie Slobodecki to score.

Haylie Wittman walked, advancing S. Rau, Buikema, and Wery to score.

In the top of the sixth, Wery doubled to left field advancing Ritter to second. Buikema singled to right field, scoring Ritter and Wery to end the game.

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## Track and field competes in opening outdoor meet

By Nolan Swenson  
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UW Oshkosh Track and Field competed at the UW-La Crosse Ashton May Invitational over the weekend, with the men’s team placing second and the women’s team finishing fifth.

The men’s team won two track and two field events, accumulating a total score of 132 points by the end of the day.

Winning track events for the men’s team were in the 200 meters, with Rashaad Henderson taking a time of 21.85. In the 4x400 meter relay, the men’s team took first with a time of 3:21.56.

Caleb Cornelius took first in the high jump with a jump of 2.03 meters. As well, Eli Tranel won with

a 5-meter pole vault. The Women’s team had a cumulative score of 70 points, with no first place finished but multiple placers in several events.

In the 800-meter run, athletes Libby Geisness, Josie Makurat, Paige Hagner and Jamie Catania placed second, fourth, 16th and 17th, respectively.

For the women’s field events, Breanna Masloroff took third in the hammer throw with a distance of 51.39 meters. and placed seventh in the shot put, casting 12.09 meters.

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UWO’s Caleb Cornelius participates in the high jump event at the UW-La Crosse May Invitational.



Sports



Scoreboard

Friday, April 7  
Track and Field  
Men's - 2/6, 132 pts.  
Women's - 5/6, 70 pts.

Baseball  
Game 1:  
UWO - 23  
UW-Eau Claire - 0  
Game 2:  
UWO - 9  
UW-Eau Claire - 0  
Softball  
Game 1:  
UWO - 5  
UW-La Crosse - 1  
Game 2:  
UWO - 8  
UW-Eau Claire - 0

Saturday, April 8  
Baseball  
Game 1:  
UWO - 16  
UW-Eau Claire - 1  
Game 2:  
UWO - 12  
UW-Eau Claire - 6

Tuesday, April 11  
Softball  
Game 1:  
UWO - 11  
Ripon College - 0  
Game 2:  
UWO -  
UW-Ripon College -

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 14  
Track and Field  
at UW-Platteville Invitational 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 15  
Track and Field  
at UW-Platteville Invitational 11 a.m.  
Baseball  
Games 1&2: at UW-Stout at 12 p.m. and 3 p.m.  
Softball  
Games 1&2: vs. UW-Eau Claire at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.  
Golf  
Titan Match Playat 12 p.m.

Sunday, April 16  
Baseball  
Games 1&2: at UW-Stout at 12 p.m. and 3 p.m.  
Golf  
Titan Match Playat 12 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18  
Softball  
Games 1&2: vs. Carroll University at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19  
Softball  
Games 1&2: at Marian University at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.  
Baseball  
Games 1&2: vs. UW-Stevens Point at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Baseball: Titans dominate UWEC

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The Titans added another three runs in the fourth inning when Scherrman hit an RBI single, Taylor hit an RBI double and UWEC's pitcher tossed a wild pitch. In the bottom of the inning, Eau Claire's Walter Johnson hit a sacrifice fly and the Blugolds cut the deficit to 7-2.  
Oshkosh tacked on two runs in the sixth inning from an Ethan Schreier RBI single and a Scherrman sacrifice fly to give UWO a seven-run cushion. UWEC responded with three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning and the Blugolds added another run in the seventh inning, but UWO scored three runs in the ninth inning to cruise to its 15th win of the season.

The doubleheader was originally scheduled to be played in Eau Claire but was moved to Oshkosh due to poor weather conditions. In both games, UWEC served as the home team.  
UWO held Eau Claire scoreless in both games of UWO's doubleheader on April 7, defeating the Blugolds 23-0 and 9-0, respectively, at Tiedemann field.  
In the first game of the doubleheader, Titan batters combined for 18 hits and 16 RBIs, while the UWO pitching staff held Eau

Claire batters to just 6-for-27.  
Oshkosh's Connor Brinkman remained undefeated on the season, giving up four hits and striking out six batters in five innings on the mound for his fifth win of the season. Michael Hughes and Josh Jansen each pitched one inning of relief for the Titans, giving up a combined two hits and striking out two batters in the contest.  
Offensively, designated hitter Shiu finished a perfect 2-for-2 in the game, with two singles, two runs and was walked twice to lead all Titan batters. Scherrman went 2-for-4 with a home run, a double and scored three runs.

In the first inning, UWO first baseman Taylor hit an RBI single to score Brenden Max and Scherrman scored on a wild pitch later in the frame as the Titans took a 2-0 lead. Oshkosh scored five runs in the second inning behind a pair of RBI singles from Taylor and Shiu to extend UWO's advantage to 7-0.  
The Titans were held scoreless in the third frame, but exploded for seven runs in the fourth inning after a two-run homer from Scherrman and a pair of RBI doubles. Oshkosh continued to heat up offensively and added nine more runs in the sixth inning behind a two-RBI double from



Zach Taylor  
Ethan Schreier and a couple of Blugold errors. UWO built a 23-run lead by the seventh inning, and the game ended due to the NCAA's 10-run rule.  
Oshkosh's 23 runs were the most the Titans scored since April 23, 2021, when the UWO defeated Finlandia University (Mich.) 24-3 at Tiedemann field.  
In the second game, UWO's offense started slow but the Titans scored six runs in the ninth inning to cruise to their 13th win of the season.  
UWO starting pitcher Matt Sorrells picked up his first win of the season, giving up five hits and

striking out four batters in seven innings on the mound. Trey Tennesen pitched two innings of relief, allowing no hits and striking out two UWEC batters.  
Surane finished the game 4-for-6 with two doubles, two singles and four RBIs. Scherrman also had a four-hit game, finishing with four singles, a run scored and an RBI.  
UWO took an early 1-0 lead in the first inning when Scherrman knocked in Surane from third base with an RBI single. Oshkosh did not score again until the sixth inning when Giusti hit a sacrifice fly and Surane hit an RBI single to give the Titans a 3-0 lead. In the final frame, UWO tacked on six runs after Taylor hit an RBI two-bagger and Surane hit a three-RBI double.  
The Titans will take on UW-Stout (10-6, 3-5 WIAC) in a doubleheader at Nelson Field April 15.

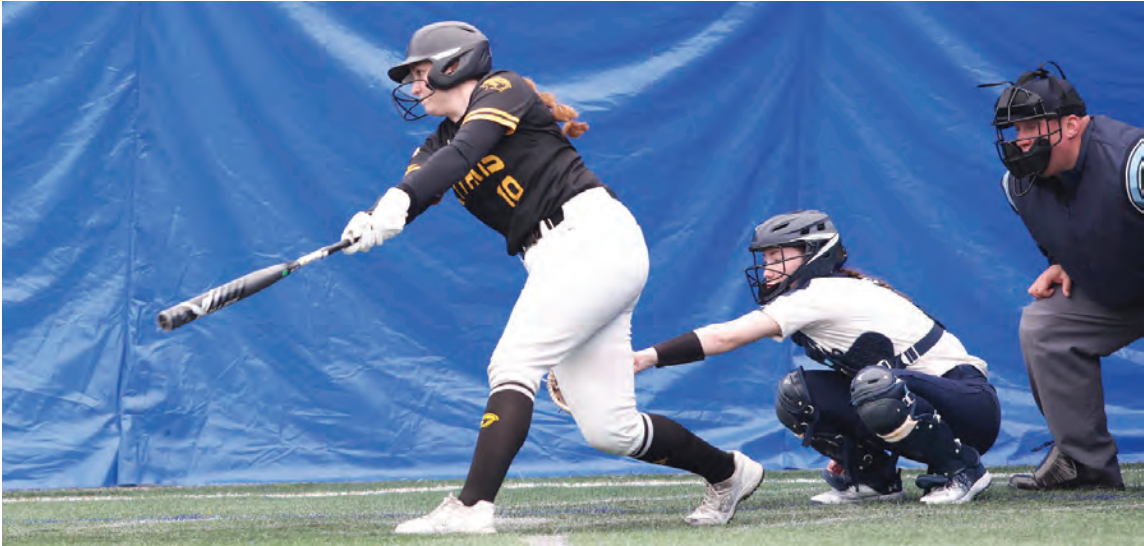
WIAC Standings

UW-La Crosse	-----	9-3
UW-Whitewater	-----	6-2
UW-Oshkosh	-----	6-2
UW-Stevens Point	----	4-4
UW-Platteville	-----	3-5
UW-Stout	-----	4-8
UW-Eau Claire	-----	0-8

Softball: UWO wins 7th straight game

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UWO swept both games of Oshkosh's doubleheader against Ripon College April 11 at Tracy Field, taking down the Red Hawks 11-0 and 9-0, respectively.  
In the first game, Maddie Fink pitched a complete-game shutout, allowing just two hits and striking out four batters to pick up her 10th win of the season.  
UWO opened the scoring in the first inning when Ritter hit an RBI double to left field to give Oshkosh an early 1-0 lead.  
The Titans exploded for seven runs in the second inning behind RBI doubles from Ritter, Garceau and Wery.

UWO continued its hot hitting in the third inning and Rau blasted a three-run homer to extend the lead to 11-0.  
The game ended in the fifth inning because of the NCAA's eight-run rule, securing Oshkosh's 22nd win.  
In the second game, the two



Courtesy of UWO Athletics  
UWO's Sophie Wery hits the ball against Lawrence University March 5 at the UW-Oshkosh Rec Plex.

teams were scoreless until the fourth inning when UWO scored nine runs.  
Oshkosh's Abby Freismuth picked up her second win of the season, allowing no runs on two hits and striking out one batter in four innings pitched. Sydney Nemetz

pitched one inning of relief, allowing no runs on one hit.  
The game ended in the fifth inning because of the NCAA's eight-run rule.  
The Titans take on UW-Eau Claire April 15 in a doubleheader starting at noon at home.

WIAC Standings

UW Oshkosh	-----	2-0
UW-Whitewater	-----	3-1
UW-Stevens Point	----	1-1
UW-Eau Claire	-----	1-1
UW-Stout	-----	1-1
UW-River Falls	-----	0-0
UW-Platteville	-----	0-2
UW-La Crosse	-----	0-2

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# Sports



## UWO seniors hope to go out with a bang

Courtesy of Matt Scherrman

Matt Scherrman hits the ball against the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology on March 19. Scherrman has hit over .320 in each of his last two seasons and is currently hitting .434.

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America’s favorite pastime has returned, and heading the Titan baseball team are two seniors who are potentially playing for UW Oshkosh for the last time: Matt Scherrman and Jackson Broom.

Scherrman said he began playing baseball as soon as he could, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather.

“I got into baseball as soon as I could swing a bat,” he said. “My grandpa and dad played college and they’re both coaches so baseball grew up in the house.”

Scherrman said that his family has deep roots in baseball between time in the minor leagues and appearances in movies.

“My grandpa had a stint in the minor leagues with the Washington Senators,” he said. “As well, my grandpa was in the movie Field of Dreams and my dad was in the back-ground, because they filmed it 15 minutes from where they grew up.”

Scherrman said that his dad coached him throughout most of his career from when he was seven to the end of his high school career.

During that time, Scherrman said his father helped him join baseball at the collegiate level.

“Growing up I knew that when I was in middle school and played travel that I wanted to play at the college level,” he said. “He was a huge help because he knew the recruitment process.”

Scherrman said that he committed late to Oshkosh, but he’s pleased with both its athletic and academic programs.

“I didn’t commit to UWO until really late . . . I didn’t commit until spring,” he said. “Oshkosh wanted me and they made it clear there was a spot for me. The business school (is good) because I’m a supply chain major. I wanted to be able to win and compete for conference, and if you do that (in the WIAC) you have a chance at nationals.”

During the summer of 2021,

COVID-19 interrupted many aspects of life and Scherrman said that one of those aspects was summer league training, but he was able to find a way to still play for his grandpa.

“During COVID-19 summer there weren’t many leagues available,” he said. “In Iowa there’s an adult league my grandpa has coached since he was 22, so I was lucky enough to play for him that summer.”

He said that the experience was an intimate experience where he was able to get closer with his grandpa.

“It was a good summer. We won the league and a couple tournaments,” he said. “That was something that was cool for my grandpa but just as cool for me to play 45-50 games that summer with him.”

Scherrman said that during his four years, he’s had interactions that have benefited and he hopes to continue that tradition.

“Being a senior and being here all four years has been awesome, (between) the people I’ve met and all the teammates,” he said. “There’s a lot of older guys who have led me in the right direction, so I try to do that for other guys to pass the torch, so that’s where I’m at as a senior.”

He said that he predicts the team will have a good season due to age and experience on the team.

“We have a good team this year and we snuck into the top 25 in nationals,” he said. “We have an old and experienced team so that goes a long way as far as record and being against other teams.”

In order to secure the season, Scherrmann said that he plans to lead however he can in order to ensure not just a good season, but a model for future athletes.

“Typically I lead by example,” he said. “There’s the vocal and the physical side of being a leader. Working hard and treating everyone with respect.” Scherrmann said when he was a freshman and sophomore he tried to replicate how his seniors acted. “It worked for me as a young player and hopefully other people

can do it every now and then,” Scherrman said.

Broom said that he began to play at six after his dad forced him to, but he quickly found that he loved the game.

“As a kid I played at six and I didn’t have a choice,” he said. “My dad signed me up for a spring league and I fell in love right away.”

Broom said that he owes the past 16 years of enjoying baseball to his dad, who helped coach him until he realized he had potential to play at the collegiate level.

“It’s been 16 years of fall and spring ball and my dad was my coach from (age) six to 15,” he said. “He’s the reason I like baseball so much . . . I owe it all to him. I knew from 14 on that I had a chance to play in college.”

He said in his college search he found he loved what Oshkosh could allow him to do.

“Coach Zach Deutscher from UW Oshkosh reached out and I visited and I loved everything,” he said. “It gave me a chance to compete at a high level. This conference is the best baseball conference at the Division III level nationally.”

Broom said that from the onset of his time here at UWO, upperclassmen have made efforts to make sure that everyone on the team was supported and aware of what they need to do.

“My freshman year, seniors and juniors even before our first practice laid everything out for us of what to expect and what to do,” he said. “So going into the first practice I had an idea of what to expect.”

Despite these efforts the team was unable to compete due to COVID-19, but Broom said that the team has begun to find out what it takes to be successful in baseball in the post COVID-19 era.

“My freshman year the whole season was canceled so that was rough,” he said. “The second year we had no away games, and when we played in conference we couldn’t stay at hotels . . . that was exhausting. Without restrictions ev-

erything has settled down, everyone in my class has started to find out what college baseball is all about.”

In order to make sure their efforts are continued, Broom said that he has relied on lessons he learned from the seniors before him in bringing up the freshmen.

“I took a page out of the book from my seniors,” he said. “I explain, ‘this is where you need to be in certain situations,’ making sure they know what to do. We guide them so that they can relay it and still be a good team looking forward even after our seniors graduate.”

Broom said that he’s confident that the team is capable of advancing past the regular season due to the experience and reliability of the team.

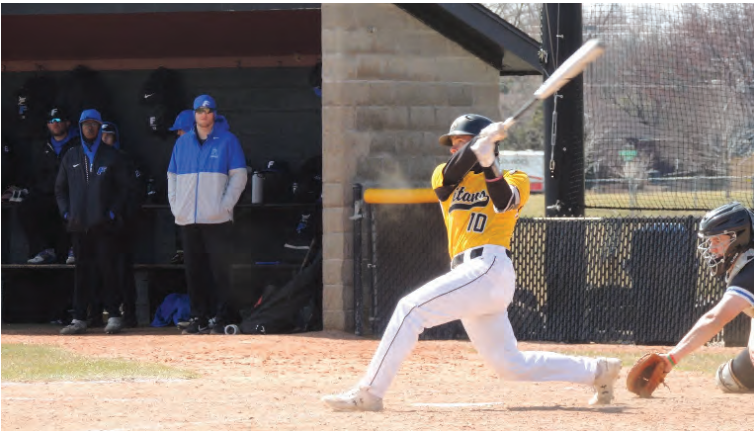
“I think we’re a well-rounded, experienced team,” Broom said. “Even the younger guys play with

Due to COVID-19 eligibility, Scherrman is able to have another year playing for UWO; however, he is not sure what he has planned.

Scherrman said that he looks forward to the future of UWO and seeing who will fill their leadership roles on the team, but he’s confident in the team’s ability to succeed moving forward.

“I’m really excited for what they’re going to have and who’s up next to fill those shoes,” he said. “There’s a lot of sophomores and juniors playing right now so they’ll be able to take that next step and fill those shoes. The program is in good hands and is finally getting national recognition . . . I like where the program is headed.”

Broom said that he’s graduating this spring and applying to physician assistant schools within the Midwest as he would like to stay



Courtesy of Jackson Broom

Jackson Broom singles against Finlandia University last year.

maturity without the fear of them screwing something up or not knowing what they’re doing. I think we will have a very good record and make a playoff run.”

Looking beyond UWO, Scherrman plans to work an internship for Kranze Technology Solutions, a company that manufactures aviation equipment for the military. Scherrman will be involved in the supply chain management of the facility. After, he plans to attend graduate school, but is not yet sure where.

close to family in the northern Illinois region.

Looking forward, Broom said that he’s confident in the team’s ability to continue with the preparations that have been put in by his class.

“We are losing a lot of guys, but I feel confident in what we’re leaving behind,” Broom said. “All the seniors as a whole have done a great job preparing them for when they do have the opportunity. For the next couple of years, we are going to have a great team.”



# How to survive spring crawl

## Friendly advice from UW Oshkosh pub crawl veterans

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The term ‘pub crawl’ is no foreign term to UW Oshkosh students. It is the time of year when college students indulge themselves in alcohol from sunrise to sundown, hopping from house parties to front yards to bars.

It is a given that many underage students will be partaking in this event, and since this is almost impossible to prevent, I figured a few friendly tips from pub crawl veterans may be helpful to have a good time and avoid a hefty fine.

Advice from an anonymous UWO student urges you to pace yourself and not attempt to out-drink the people around you. Everyone has their own limits.

“Do not try to keep up with your friends; everyone has different limits,” he said. “And make sure to eat throughout the day. Not only will it keep the party going, but it will allow you time to sober up and consider your plans clearheaded.”

The same student also encouraged you to treat cops politely during this time because they are simply trying to do their job to keep you and the community safe.

“Cops are your friends,” he said. “If you play stupid games you’ll win stupid prizes. [Police officers] are there to keep the public safe and you should treat them as such.”

Another anonymous UWO student shared a story from a previ-

ous pub crawl experience where she learned a valuable lesson and hopes you don’t make the same mistake.

“Don’t walk across the street with an open bottle under your sweatshirt if there are three undercover cops sitting in a nearby undercover vehicle,” she said.

During any event where there is drinking and large gatherings of people, it’s important to be aware of your surroundings and most importantly, your drink – especially for females.

One student makes it a point to iterate how important it is that you are with a group of people that you can trust and advises you to not accept mixed drinks from strangers.

“Start with a group of people, especially for women,” he said. “Drinking is directly related to sexual assault; make sure you are around ladies and men you trust. Do not take drinks from strangers unless you can, without a doubt, confirm that it is unopened.”

If you remember nothing, remember this: stay on lawns of people you know and do not step foot on public property holding an alcoholic beverage, because it is at this moment that you become fair game to the OPD (Oshkosh Police Department).

Finally, if all else fails, an anonymous pub crawl veteran tells students that sometimes a foot race is the only shot you have at escaping an underage.

“If you see everyone start running in one direction, start run-



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According to Grieve Law, “In the state of Wisconsin, as of February 7, 2022, knowingly possessing or consuming alcohol from age 17-20 will result in a \$100 forfeiture.”

ning that way,” he said. “Don’t ask questions, just go.”

With all of this being said – I hope you crack a cold one and

find yourself in a lawn chair that has battled every element and should probably be thrown away this weekend.

Stay safe, pace yourself and remember that you have a three-day long marathon ahead of you.

# United States government revamps TikTok ban

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TikTok, the popular social media platform for publishing short videos, is under fire by the United States government for speculated security breaches. Although no concrete evidence has proven this accusation, the U.S. stands firm on their push to ban the Chinese owned app, starting with government devices.

“It’s not that we know TikTok has done something, it’s that distrust of China and awareness of Chinese espionage has increased,” said James Lewis, an information security expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. “The context for TikTok is much worse as trust in China vanishes.”

TikTok was established in 2016 by the Chinese company ByteDance. The app is predicted to have 834.5 million monthly users by the end of 2023, according to Insider Intelligence.

The allegations against the Beijing-based company ramped up in December of 2022 with a statement by FBI Director Chris Wray.

“The Chinese have the ability to control the app’s recommendation algorithm, which allows

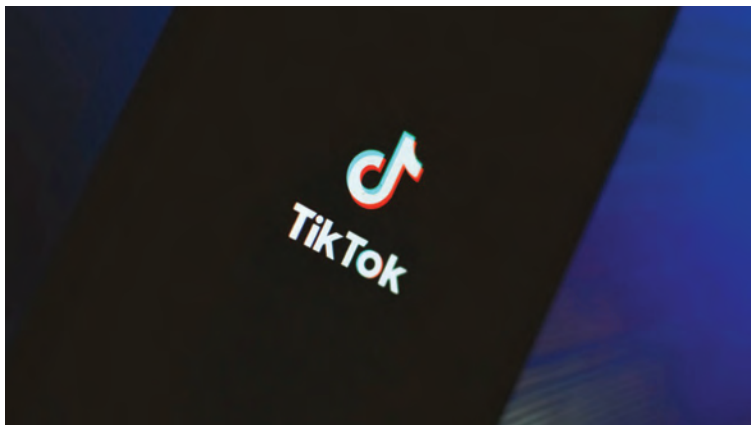


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them to manipulate content, and if they want to, to use it for influence operations,” Wray said. “All of these things are in the hands of a government that doesn’t share our values, and that has a mission that’s very much at odds with what’s in the best interests of the United States. That should concern us.”

TikTok iOS 25.1.1 has a server connection to mainland China, which is run by a top-100, Chinese cyber security and data company Guizhou Baishan Cloud Technology Co., Ltd, according to Internet 2.0, joint U.S. and Australia cyber security organization.

TikTok is believed to be doing what is referred to as data harvesting, which is essentially gathering and storing as much information from a source as possible.

The app is able to grant an unnecessary amount of access to information on user devices, including access to SMS messages, GPS, calendars, microphone, photo library, camera, etc., according to Internet 2.0.

The app also raises suspicion with the unsettling amount of times access is requested. It is not like most social media apps that request access once and leave it at that; TikTok refuses to take no for an answer.

“If the user denies access the application will continuously ask for access. TikTok does this as it runs its code in a loop that if a Boolean (true or false) is stored as false, it will keep prompting until given a true value. It is normal for an application to initially request access to contacts, but TikTok’s persistent, endless harassment for user contacts access is abnormal,” said Thomas Perkins, author of “TikTok Analysis.”

Another major concern of those in favor of the app ban is that it is not quite clear where all of our information from TikTok is being stored. Although an official statement from TikTok claimed that data is stored specifically in Singapore and the U.S., according to Perkins, it was proved to be false.

“We found many subdomains in the IOS application resolving all around the world including: Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne (Australia); New York City, Las Vegas, San Francisco, San Jose, Monrovia, Cambridge, Kansas City, Dallas, Mountain View (USA); Utama and Jakarta (Indonesia), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Paris (France), Singapore (Singapore) and Baishan (China),” Perkins said.

The information TikTok requests of its users is not a neces-

sity in the functionality of the app itself, which raises questions why the information is being pried out of us to begin with. It is not unreasonable to believe that there are other motives.

At UW Oshkosh, the use of TikTok on system-owned devices is prohibited as of January 2023. According to the Badger Herald, this restriction is currently enforced on all UW campuses to ensure cybersecurity following the concerns of TikTok.

Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers signed the Executive Order #184 that officially banned the app from school devices and technology.

TikTok continues to flourish among young people and businesses across the U.S., but this doesn’t go without warning by the United States government. The push to ban TikTok is not a recent movement, but is regaining momentum once again.

Whether the ban of the popular social media app is an act of national security or a violation of constitutional rights, government leaders and influencers have the right to believe our information isn’t as secure as we initially thought.



Arts & Entertainment

‘The Simpsons’ exhibit in Trout Museum

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America’s favorite family is on display in Appleton’s Trout Museum of art as part of a Simpsons-themed exhibit titled “B(ART)”, after one of the show’s main characters. “This is a really fun and exciting exhibit,” Lawrence University ethnic studies professor Jesús Smith said. “I think it’s something so unique for the Trout.”

Based on the longest-running animated show, “The Simpsons,” the exhibit features hand-drawn art from the show’s earliest seasons.

The 2-D drawings are on transparent, plastic sheets called cels. The cels are then photographed in sequence, and when played back at a speed of 24 frames per second, imitate the illusion of movement.

“The Simpsons” used this form of animation through their 13th season before making the shift to digital animation.

The exhibit is composed of cels loaned to the Trout Museum from animation collectors Bill Heeter and Kristi Correa and will be available for viewing through May 28.

Heeter said the main reason he began collecting Simpsons-themed art is because the show’s comedic aspect.

“I laugh when I see [the cels],” he said. “That’s why I collect them. I have one in my bedroom, and I see it every morning when I wake up and every night when I go to bed and I laugh.”

The exhibit displays comedic

scenes from the first 13 seasons, with sections dedicated to each of the main characters and several side characters like Itchy, Scratchy and Carl Carlson. Trout Museum employees made “B(ART)” an immersive experience for viewers, with stations where visitors can use lightboxes to trace their own Simpson characters. They also set up a photo station where visitors can make their own “couch gag,” a running joke on the show where the Simpson family ends up on their couch at the end of each episode’s intro.

“The Simpsons” superfan and visitor of “B(ART)” Jack Zimmerman said the couch gag is a fan-favorite part of the show. “The couch gag could be from guest animators or funny things [the Simpsons] do,” Zimmerman said. “It’s just what everyone loves.”

Heeter, who began collecting “The Simpsons” cels in the ‘90s, said he wasn’t always a fan of animated series, though, because they were typically directed toward children.

“I was never a fan of that stuff,” he said. “I thought it talked down to kids.”

However, when “The Simpsons” premiered in 1989, Heeter said he was impressed by the sarcastic tone of the comedy.

“This is actually pretty funny and witty and clever,” he said. “It was a little politically incorrect, but I liked that. It can be funny if done properly.”

Smith said “The Simpsons” commentary on social issues like climate change, classism



Kelly Hueckman / Advance-Titan

‘The Simpsons’ exhibit features hand-drawn art from earlier seasons of the show.

and ageism was not only one of the main attractions of the show, but is what makes it still relevant today.

“It’s a brilliant, brilliant critique of society in general,” he said. “They’re supposed to represent most families around the U.S. Watching “The Simpsons,” there are so many powerful things that we grapple with today.”

One part of the show that appealed to many types of audiences was the rebellious nature of the characters, Smith said.

“Bart was often the kid in

school who was misbehaving,” he said. “He was kind of this ex-



ample of rebellion. On the flip side, Lisa was constantly pushing against the expectations of what was expected of young girls.”

Smith said the exhibit is one example of the impact of different types of art, even non-traditional types like animation.

“[‘The Simpsons’] is such a statement about what activism looks like,” he said. “This is what this animation, this art, can do.”

“B(ART)” will be on display at the Trout Museum of Art through May 28. Admission is free to TMA membership holders or \$15 for a one-day visitor pass.

‘Extraterrestrial Roommates’ premieres on Titan TV

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Titan TV began airing its new shows led by students for the spring semester, including “Extraterrestrial Roommates.”

“Extraterrestrial Roommates” is a show about a girl looking for new roommates and ends up finding three aliens to live with.

The show is produced by Lauren Sweetman, who initially came up with the idea for the show.

“I asked my friends, and one said a show about a sorority or fraternity of aliens would be funny,” she said. “I knew I couldn’t do a show with that many people, but I really liked the idea, so I created ‘Extraterrestrial Roommates’ as we know it.”

To produce the show, Sweetman had to give a pitch to the Titan TV executive board.

“The pitch included the plot overview, episode overviews, characters, set design, inspiration and who my producers are,” she said. “It was a little stressful, and I remember my hands shook a little bit, but it was a great experience and (obviously) went well.”

After the pitch, Titan TV greenlit the show and production began for “Extraterrestrial Roommates.”

There are three different directors for the show, including Sweetman and her producers



Courtesy of Lauren Sweetman

‘Extraterrestrial Roommates’ is a show about a human girl who has alien roommates.

Heather Hagedorn and Amber Gately.

“They’re both incredibly talented and know exactly what camera shots to take to get the best scene possible,” Sweetman said. “Whoever directs depends on their schedules, but I’m happy with both of them.”

Alongside the directors, Sweetman said the actors contribute a lot to the show with their roles.

“They auditioned off their own

ambition and just happened to be the perfect actors for each character,” she said. “I couldn’t do it without them, they have great chemistry together and are incredibly talented.”

Sweetman said the cast also puts up with a lot of antics for the show, and she’s grateful for it.

“... they are somehow okay with eating spaghetti sauce sandwiches, getting pied in the face, and smashing an egg on their

head. I’m very lucky they haven’t walked out on me yet,” she said.

The production for the first episode went well, and the episode aired on Titan TV.

“Much to my surprise, the first episode went pretty smooth,” Sweetman said. “That’s thanks to the actors for knowing their lines and blocking so well, as well as the crew for staying on track and doing their job wonderfully.”

Even with production going

well with the cast and crew, there were still some hiccups along the way.

“The big problem was one of the mic packs kept failing,” Sweetman said. “It took a lot of time to deal with, but we got it figured out.”

With the first episode aired, Sweetman is grateful for the opportunity she’s been given with the project.

“I guess I just feel incredibly lucky that I have the opportunity to create something so special with incredible people,” she said. “I think I forget sometimes how big of a deal it really is, especially since I’ve been talent and/or a producer on other Titan TV shows (Crappy College Cooking and Anything But Average) for the past year.”

Sweetman did have a goal of creating a funny show for Titan TV and hopes she accomplishes it.

“The only goal I’ve ever had with this show is to write and produce a funny sitcom about aliens and humans with sweet moments and loveable characters,” she said. “Give the show a watch, [and] let me know if I accomplished it.”

The show is available to watch on Titan TV in the dorms on channel 71.1, Spectrum customers can watch on channel 57 and it’s available any time on demand.