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UWO volleyball broke Kolf's volleyball attendance record by more than 300% at the game against UW-Stevens Point on Sept. 26. UWO fans celebrated the win by storming the court for the undefeated team.

## Fans crowd Kolf in volleyball win

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The UW Oshkosh athletics department attempted to do what many thought was impossible – break the NCAA Division III volleyball attendance record for a regular-season match during Tuesday's Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference clash between UW Oshkosh and UW-Stevens Point at the Kolf Sports Center.

UWO's "Community Night" held on Sept. 26 brought fans to the Kolf Sports Center to watch the undefeated Titans (ranked No. 4 in the nation by the American Volleyball Coaches Association) defeat the 17th-ranked Pointers 3-1.

The UWO Athletics Depart-

ment gave all fans free entry in hopes of besting the regular-season attendance record set on Oct. 18, 2013, when Hope College (Michigan) defeated Calvin University (Michigan) in front of 3,051 fans at home.

While Oshkosh came up just short on setting the new attendance record for a regular-season matchup, the Titans set many new attendance records during UWO's 18th win of the season. Oshkosh raised their single-match attendance record by 2,051 fans (an increase of over 300%), shattering the previous record of 674 fans set on Sept. 23, 2009, in a regular-season match against UW-Whitewater. The postseason attendance record for a single match was set in 1996 when the Titans took on Juniata College

(Pennsylvania) in front of 969 fans in the semifinal round of the NCAA Tournament.

The Kolf Sports Center housed 2,643 total fans at UWO volleyball matches last year, meaning that more fans showed up to "Community Night" than in the entire 2022 season. The only season where the team totaled more fans than appeared at "Community Night" was back in 2017, when 3,954 fans watched UWO matches.

Oshkosh's attendance mark in its matchup against the Pointers tied the record for the third-most fans in attendance for a D-III regular season matchup, after another Hope College and Calvin College matchup brought in 2,725 fans on Oct. 28, 2009.

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UW-Stevens Point fans weren't happy with the UWO win.

## DEI defunding violates human rights

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GOP Speaker of Assembly Robin Voss is withholding \$32 million in funds to UW System schools in an inhumane effort to abolish diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) programs across the board.

The push to remove the use of DEI programs across the UW System stems from what many have labeled as an act of racism. However, Voss is not the first politician

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to put forth effort in eliminating DEI program funding. Both Republican Governors Ron DeSantis of Florida and Greg Abbott of Texas have signed laws banning the use of DEI measures involved in student enrollment and faculty employment decisions.

"In June, the GOP-controlled Wisconsin Legislature cut funding

to the UW System by \$32 million, which was the amount Republicans identified as going toward so-called DEI efforts at UW's 13 campuses over two years," according to the Associated Press (AP).

The same time news broke about the \$32 million funding cut, the state legislature simultaneously approved, "pay raises for 34,000 university employees of 4% this year and 2% next year," AP News reported.

Democratic Gov. Tony Evers used the little power he held against Voss's committee (6-2 Republican) to save 188 DEI positions at risk, but he could do no more to override the decision to defund those programs.

Voss has been quite vocal about his decision to withhold funding to UW schools and was quoted saying he won't release a nickel of funds until all DEI programs are eradicated.

"I don't think that they deserve

to have any more resources until they accomplish the goal," Vos told WisPolitics.com on Friday. "Not a nickel. When I say a nickel, that's what I mean."

The removal of DEI program funding from UW campuses is not another conflict of political party interest, but a neglect of human rights. Diversity, equity and inclusion programs care for more groups of students than what the GOP party focuses on.

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# SAC aims for increased spending

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Every semester, students are confronted with tuition payments. In a time where inflation is impacting every market and college is more expensive than ever, students want to know where their money is going.

At UW Oshkosh, all students are charged segregated fees. Those are compiled into a pool where the Student Allocations Committee (SAC) divides them up for the 80 to 100 organizations on campus.

This year, students are contributing \$1,400 each coming out to around \$300,000 for spending. The problem: last year, 30% of that money went unspent.

Luiza Nelson, the student chair for SAC, is hoping to change that this year.

“I want the students of Oshkosh to be able to know that there’s a committee here that you’re able to join and you’re able to serve and know how your student fees are being spent,” said Nelson.

All segregated fees are separate from tuition. The money is used only to support programs and activities that have the “greatest benefit and best serve the interests of the student body.”

“Our committee right now has six voting members,” said Nelson. “There’s a non voting advisor, I’m the non voting student chair. And there’s a non voting student controller.”

SAC is looking for students to attend committee meetings and help make the final call on budget decisions.

“We want to make sure we are transparent with student fees, so students have a say,” said Nelson.

“We’re trying to work as a com-

mittee to ask how we simplify our rules. Are our rules complicated? Is the system too complicated? Well, we’re here and we want to make sure that we have it flexible and easy for organizations,” said Nelson.

Organizations are allowed to use their funds for whatever they want. From foods for club meetings to hiring guest speakers, there really isn’t a limit.

“You have *this* much money; we want at the end of the school year to say, ‘Oh, all orgs were able to spend resources [and put on] events to students so that they can succeed and have a great experience in college,” said Nelson.

This is not the first year SAC has experienced a sweep in funds. In the wake of COVID-19, it seems to be a recent trend.

“It just kind of created a pattern,” said Nelson. “And so now that we are here, we’re in person, our activities are in full swing. We want organizations to have the full advantage of their budgets.”

For all organization leaders and students who participate, Nelson and the SAC Student Controller Jack Zeihen have office hours. They are available to answer all questions regarding your organization’s budget and where your segregated fees are going.

The office hours schedule is available at [advancetitan.com](http://advancetitan.com).

If you are interested in applying to become a member of the committee or want to learn what the SAC does, visit [uwosh.edu/sac/forms/student-allocations-committee-member-application/](http://uwosh.edu/sac/forms/student-allocations-committee-member-application/).

To learn more about SAC and what they do, visit [uwosh.edu/sac/](http://uwosh.edu/sac/).

For club purchasing and travel applications, visit [uwosh.edu/osa/purchasing-and-travel/](http://uwosh.edu/osa/purchasing-and-travel/).

## What exactly is the SAC?

- The Student Allocations Committee (SAC) is a standing committee that is independent of Oshkosh Student Association (OSA), which distributes student segregated university Fees to student organizations and department clubs.
- Segregated university fees are charged in addition to students’ regular instructional fees.
- The segregated fee amount for the 2023-24 school year is \$1,405.70 for the Oshkosh campus, \$545.02 for the Fond du Lac Campus and \$354.58 for the Fox Cities campus. The rates for part-time students are pro-rated.
- The SAC committee does not fund any official UWO sports teams or Greek life.

## Looking at their UWO spending

Program/Service	Amount
Organized Activities Allocable	\$91.36
Student Life	\$12.24
Sports Programming and Facilities	\$670.00
Reeve Union	\$381.26
UWO GO	\$7.88
University Health and Counseling	\$221.96
Municipal Services	\$21.00
Total per student/year	\$1,405.70

# UWOPD hosts Run With the Cops fundraiser

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The UW Oshkosh Police Department (UWOPD) hosted their annual Run With the Cops event raising between \$8,000 to \$10,000 for the Special Olympics Wisconsin (SOWI).

Around 225 participants took part, be it in kids’ obstacle courses, donut eating competitions, or the 5K walk/run race alongside law enforcement agencies.

Chris Tarmann, UWOPD’s acting police chief, said that around 40 officers from 10-15 agencies were involved in operating the event.

Tarmann said that since 2014, UWO’s hosting of Run With the Cops has strengthened its relationship with SOWI, which has also strengthened its community ties.

“In 2014 we had our first year of Run With the Cops,” he said. “We’ve grown a strong relationship between UWOPD and SOWI. The idea is that we expand our capacity to create strong relationships with our community members, which enhances our jobs.”

Tarmann said that interacting with the Special Olympics community as an officer creates better outcomes for police involvement in situations involving those with intellectual disabilities.

“We also have better responses to calls involving those with intellectual disabilities,” he said.



Advance-Titan File Photo

A group of participants begin their run at the annual Run With the Cops event, which raises money for Special Olympics Wisconsin. UWOPD will host their Polar Plunge fundraiser in February.

## Correction

The story “Faculty Senate calls for action,” which ran on Page 1 of the Sept. 21, 2023 Advance-Titan, needs clarification. The UW Oshkosh Faculty Senate voted unanimously to endorse a document of expectations for Chancellor Andrew Leavitt and Provost Edwin Martini. Another document, which outlines offices the Faculty Senate members deem essential to UWO’s academic mission, was also endorsed by the Senate with a commitment to make amendments and additions as necessary. However, while most senators expressed support of the second document, some argued that the list of essential offices was unfinished and needed to be revised before being endorsed. The essential offices document was written to address only those offices that are directly involved in educating and retaining students.





Photos courtesy of Joely Hurkman

UWO RTF students pose at the WRPN Women's International Film Festival (left), where they were semi-finalists for their short film, "Now We Wait." UWO also won best short film and best costume at the Star City Film Festival for their short film, "Winner, What We're Good At" (right).

# RTF sweeps at film festivals

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Over this past summer, coming into the fall, UW Oshkosh's Film Society and radio/TV/film courses have been sweeping film awards. Students have been successful in script writing, production, costume design and much more.

Bailey Laird, recent UWO graduate, and Joely Hurkman, a senior in the RTF department, are two students who received awards recently.

"My creative process really varies depending on the project," Laird said. "I usually work with my best friend and creative partner on most of my projects, so thankfully we have a workflow and collaborative energy right out the gate."

When Laird works along, he visualizes a couple frames he wants to see on the screen and progresses from there.

"I really enjoy writing about fantastical situations somewhat grounded in realism," Laird said. "I like a fun mix of crazy unrealistic but grounded and emotionally heavy themes."

Hurkman's process is completely different from Laird's.

"In terms of writing, my creative process is trying to stay as

realistic for the audience as possible," Hurkman said. "Now, that doesn't sound very creative, but it does give readers a sense of what is really happening."

Hurkman finds that the best stories are the ones she can relate to. "Everything I write comes with some bit of truth, either something that happened to myself or an experience that my friend had," Hurkman said.

Hurkman tends to look at her creative process differently when she's the producer. She's looking to make the fictional world come to life.

"I want to make sure we have a good setting that the director can work in comfortably and have actors that are committed to the role. With this comes lots of organization," Hurkman said. "Everything needs to be timed out and well-planned to make the day go as smoothly as possible. If I can eliminate as many stressful elements as possible, then that makes everyone involved more relaxed."

Laird recently attended the Her Vision Film Festival for his senior RTF class and Hurkman attended the Star City Film Festival. For both of them, this was their first time attending one.

"I attended [Her Vision] for my senior RTF class, and it was some-

thing I was in a leadership role for," Laird said. "Despite my bias, it was a lot of fun! That class had us make a short film in 14 weeks, and then we got to show it off to our family and friends, so that was a feeling of accomplishment or exposure I wasn't used to, but enjoyed dearly."

"Attending the Star City Film Festival was very fun. I went with great people, great classmates and a great professor and that really made the experience worthwhile," Hurkman said. "Honestly, I went in with no expectations because I haven't ever been to one before, and I was not disappointed."

Laird and Hurkman agreed that the atmosphere was intoxicatingly exciting. Both the guests and the film crews attending had energy radiating from them the whole day.

"I felt great," said Hurkman. "There is no reason not to be excited that a film that so many of us had worked on was getting recognition."

"The best way I can describe the energy was excitement and feeling that this was the beginning of the rest of my career," Laird said. "I had gained so much experience in school and on indie sets this past year, and even past graduation, so it really felt like my dream became a reality."

Both of them said they enjoyed the experience of attending.

Hurkman and Laird said they were both heavily influenced by their parents to pursue film in college.

Laird's father started taking him to movies at 3-years-old and they bonded over it.

Hurkman and her mother have their weekly show-watching dates and her and her father watch a movie together weekly.

"We bonded over this kind of thing," Laird said. "That bond would grow even stronger since he actually went to school for acting and has now been getting involved more and more with indie shoots and smaller industry parts."

"Every winter when he (her father) and I are finishing up wreath and Christmas tree sales, we'd put on a movie and have it play in the background," Hurkman said. "On long days, we would put on a whole series and have them play throughout the entire night."

Hurkman and Laird are just two examples of the incredible amount of talent within the RTF department at UWO, and the past few months have proven that.

Hurkman and Laird both provided the best advice they've received in the RTF department:

"You can only try, and you learn more when you fail." I think that really captures the students and myself well," Hurkman said. "A lot of our work, whether it be editing or trying to assemble the cameras for sporting events, requires a lot of questions and hands-on experience. No one is perfect right away, but the more effort you put into it, the more you'll get out."

"I think one of the best pieces of advice I ever got from the RTF department here at Oshkosh, was from Dr. Mike Van Esler," said Laird. "It wasn't about filmmaking per se, but more about watching movies. He told me, 'You will never finish your watchlist.' He may not have realized how much that affected me. Not only did that resonate with me about how much I want to watch, but also I took it with a different meaning about filmmaking."

"There's so little time to watch and make stuff, so if you are someone in this field trying to make things, make sure you care about it, so the time is well-spent," Laird said. "I have already had a few projects I couldn't stand making both in school and out, and it really becomes draining when you aren't 100% in on the production and care."

# DEI: More than what meets the eye . . .

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Voss told the Wisconsin Radio Network that, "for the past 10 years the left has used every bit of their resources to indoctrinate – and to burrow like a tick – inside the university system where it's really hard to get at it."

This, however, is just not the case. DEI programs are not a political manner enforced by the left. The DEI programs assist with learning impaired students, disabled students, first-generation students, low-income students, students of color, female students and students who identify with the LGBTQ community. This program is meant to ensure that all students get an equal opportunity in and out of the classroom.

Providing impaired students with the opportunity to learn at their own pace is not a matter of politics. Allowing indigenous students to connect with their cultural identity through the university

should not be a topic of debate. The DEI program does so much to make an accommodating, inclusive space for those who need it. The removal of this program would harm the futures of so many students across the entire UW-System.

Voss has claimed the DEI program is a way for leftists to indoctrinate their views on students. Yet without the DEI program there would be no Veterans Resource Center. Surely Voss couldn't have meant to defund a program, according to UWO, that was created to help "empower our veterans, service members and military spouses and dependents with the tools necessary for achieving their academic goals."

And surely Voss didn't know that revoking these funds could potentially end programs such as the TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) and TRIO Student Support Services STEM (SSS

STEM) made to help first-generation students, as well as low-income students. Programs such as these ensure students are provided with advice on how to finance their education, have an opportunity to connect with other students with similar circumstances and receive guidance with career exploration.

The matter of defunding DEI programs across 13 UW System campuses is a paradigm of power. Robin Voss is holding money hostage that UW schools aren't financially able to replenish themselves. Faculty are being forced to face up to 10% pay cuts for the next two years with forced, unpaid furlough days.

UW System universities are facing some of the worst financial debt they have in history, and yet, power-hungry Voss is choosing to throw a childlike tantrum over the defunding of a program that does more for students than he will ever be able to.

UW System President Jay Rothman is an advocate for promised pay raises for faculty and funding to keep DEI programs running.

"We continue to have discussions with the Speaker and appreciate that there are differing views on (DEI)," Rothman told AP News. "We believe we can work through these issues without adversely affecting employees and their families."

Meanwhile, Evers called a legislative session to approve a \$1 billion package that includes \$66 million for the UW System, \$365 million for child care including making the pandemic-era Child Care Counts Program permanent, and \$243 million to provide up to 12 weeks of paid family leave for Wisconsin workers starting in 2025, reported AP News.

As of lately, the UW System is undergoing an abundance of change and hearing a lot of emp-

ty promises. Faculty and students are faced with immense uncertainty surrounding their salary, their job and their future.

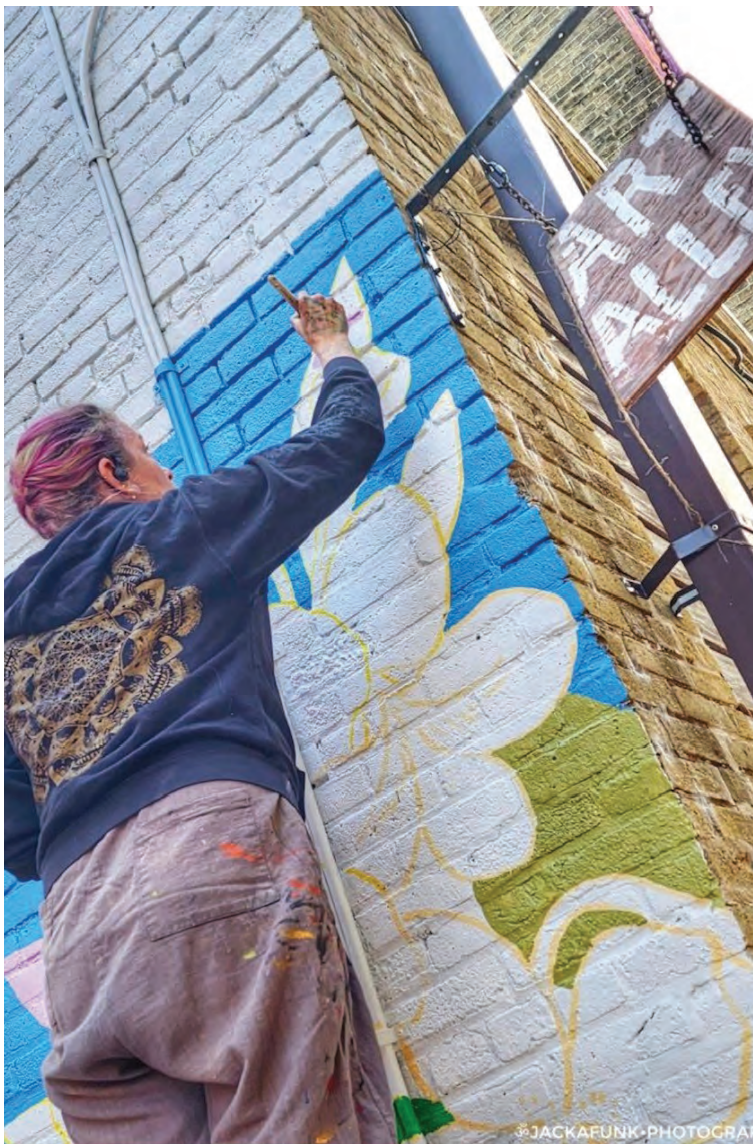
Voss has it all wrong.

DEI programs are not some rampant ideology being forced down the throat of college kids. It is not even a matter of politics. It is a way for universities to support students who need a little extra assistance in order to succeed. Not every student was given equal opportunities, but the DEI program works to level the gap on those who fall short.

Stop punishing universities for creating an environment equitable for all students of all backgrounds. It is so much more than what meets the eye (the GOP eye to be specific). There are far greater issues in this world (in the state of Wisconsin alone) than a program designed to help college kids succeed.



# Arts & Entertainment



Courtesy of Carrie Olson and Jackafunk Photography

Oshkosh business owner and muralist Carrie Olson paints an installation for a series of murals funded by the Wisconsin Economic Development Department. The project, which began in May, will bring several murals, lighting and public gathering spaces to the 400 block of Main Street during the upcoming months.

## Oshkosh to revitalize downtown

### *\$30,845 grant funds underused alley space renovations*

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The city of Oshkosh is receiving a \$30,845 grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Department (WEDC) to renovate underused alley space in the downtown Oshkosh area into a functional public gathering space.

“I think there is a lot that goes into improving the labor force and enhancing the quality of life in Oshkosh,” Oshkosh Business Improvement District Manager Jessica Meidl said. “My goal is to create a vibrant downtown full of fun things to do, art, music, things that celebrate culture and diversity.”

The project is funded by the Vibrant Spaces Grant Program, which aims to revitalize underused spaces to optimize community experiences for visitors, residents and future residents.

The funds will go toward bringing public art, lighting and seating

areas to the 400 block of Main Street.

The project, which will be completed in two phases, began in May with the completion of the Greetings from Oshkosh postcard

“This year, our goal is to complete the seven additional murals...”

- Jessica Meidl,  
Oshkosh Business  
Improvement District  
manager

mural, the first of a series of murals scheduled this year.

Meidl said the first part of the

project is set to finish this year before moving onto the construction of seating areas.

“This year, our goal is to complete the seven additional murals [one was already installed in May] and then add lighting,” she said. “Phase two will be a 3D art installation and some seating/curb appeal elements.”

Meidl said having an inviting downtown area is vital for community members having an enjoyable experience in Oshkosh.

“The alley celebrates local artists and cleans up a part of our downtown, making back entrances to businesses more inviting and provides an outdoor space for residents and those who visit the nearby cafes and restaurants,” she said.

Bringing local art, seating and lighting to the area can increase foot traffic and safety in downtown Oshkosh, Meidl said.

“By beautifying and activating underutilized public spaces

throughout our Central City, we are encouraging foot traffic and activity which makes spaces like the Algoma Alley safer and more inviting for visitors and residents of Downtown Oshkosh,” she said.

Oshkosh currently has a walkability score of 43, according to walkscore.com, which categorizes it as a mostly car-dependent city. Meidl said increasing foot traffic downtown can encourage people to visit new places.

“Foot traffic is more about getting people moving throughout the downtown district beyond just what they came downtown for and exposing those who visit to all downtown has to offer,” she said. “If you come downtown for coffee at New Moon and walk around the corner to check out the alley, you’ll realize there is much more to be explored.”

The Vibrant Spaces funds can also encourage economic development and attract future residents,

CEO and secretary of WEDC Missy Hughes said in a press release from the city of Oshkosh.

“Investing in vibrant communities where people want to live, work and raise families is critical to attracting and retaining workers in our state,” she said. “These grants will help communities create new gathering places in thriving downtowns to draw in residents, visitors, new businesses and investments.”

Meidl said the Vibrant Spaces grant will allow underused alleys in Oshkosh to flourish while encouraging community members to be proud of their home.

“We are like the community’s ‘living room’ where people gather together,” she said. “By creating these little pockets to explore — like the alley full of local art — we create pride in these places and provide an experience for those who come to visit.”

### Mattie's Mixtape

new music mix

**"Naked in Manhattan"**  
by Chappell Roan  
"The Rise and Fall of a Midwest Princess"  
(2023)

**"Sarah's Place (feat. Noah Kahan)"**  
by Zach Bryan  
"Boys of Faith EP"  
(2023)

**"Unreal Unearth"**  
by Hozier  
"Unknown / Nth"  
(2023)

**"love is embarrassing"**  
by Olivia Rodrigo  
"GUTS"  
(2023)



Sports

Proteau finishes on top

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Sophomore Paul Proteau and freshman Gracie Buchinger led the men’s and women’s UW Oshkosh cross-country team with first-place and third-place individual finishes at the UW-Platteville Gender Equity Invitational. Proteau finished the men’s 8,000-meter run with a time of 25:14.0, and Buchinger finished the women’s 6,000-meter run in 23:34.6. Both finishes spearheaded numerous top 20 finishes and first place team finishes for both teams in the race.

Furthermore, this race was unique because the men’s race began and was quickly followed by the women’s race precisely two minutes and 40 seconds, meaning that both races were run alongside each other which allowed for the Titan cross-country teams to run together.

Proteau described the race as challenging for some of the team but also a unique experience.

“The course itself was found challenging by a considerable amount of our team,” Proteau said. “The heat was also a huge challenge for some people on both the men’s and women’s teams. I’m not sure if the course exactly added anything new to the team, but I think it was a race that reminded us about the importance of meet prep. I think most people on the team did enjoy the uniqueness of the race. It was neat to have both the men’s and women’s teams work together to secure a team victory, which is something we don’t do at a normal race.”

The women’s team had four Titans finish in the top 10. Buchinger ran a season best 23:34.6 for third place, junior Cyna Madigan right behind her with a time of 23:41.1 in fourth place, followed by sophomore Jamie Catania in seventh with a time of 24:08.6 and sophomore Josie Makurat in eighth with a time of 24:12.7.

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Quarterback Kobe Berghammer hands the ball off to Doug Berson (23) in Oshkosh’s home opener against Texas Lutheran University.

Football to open WIAC play

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Fresh off a bye week and a 60-7 trouncing of East Texas Baptist University, the UW Oshkosh football team will take on UW-Whitewater in a matchup between nationally ranked teams to kick off the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference season at Titan Stadium Sept. 30.

UWO (2-1) enters the contest ranked No. 22 in the nation by d3football.com and the Warhawks (3-0) are ranked No. 4 after victories over ranked opponents John Carroll University (Ohio), St. John’s University (Minnesota) and Mary Hardin-Baylor (Texas).

The Titans will be led by quarterback Kobe Berghammer, who threw for five touchdowns in UWO’s blowout win over the Tigers Sept. 16, leads the nation with 14 touchdown passes and has totaled 791 passing yards on the year. Berghammer is also the

team’s leading rusher, totaling 137 yards on the ground on 23 attempts. Senior Kaio Harn has made a dent in the run game as well in his first two games with the Titans after transferring to UWO early in the season, rushing for a total of 133 yards and a touchdown.

Wide receiver Tony Steger and tight end Clayton Schwalbe will hope to continue their hot streak to begin the year after they each caught four touchdown passes during the first three games of the season. Steger leads the team with 169 receiving yards on 12 catches, while Schwalbe has caught 10 passes for 107 yards. Wide receiver Trae Tetzlaff leads the team in receptions, tallying 13 catches for 127 yards to begin the year.

In their last game, the Titans jumped out to an early 15-0 lead after touchdown receptions from Harn and Jon Mathieu, as well as a two-point conversion run from Schwalbe. The Tigers added a

touchdown to the board late in the first quarter, but Schwalbe caught his second touchdown pass of the day and kicker Nolan Mobley added a field goal as the UWO went into halftime leading 25-7. In the third quarter, the Titans exploded for 28 points off touchdown receptions from Steger and Avery Kurth, as well as rushing touchdowns from Harn and Steger. Backup quarterback Quinten Keene added a rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter to help UWO cruise to a 53-point victory.

Whitewater will be led by their two quarterbacks Jason Ceniti and Alec Ogden who have combined to average over 200 passing yards per game to start the season. Ogden has passed for 288 yards and two touchdowns this season while Ceniti has thrown for 319 yards, three touchdowns and an interception.

Leading the ground game for the Warhawks will be running back Tamir Thomas who has

rushed for 370 yards and five touchdowns so far this season. Steven Hein and Drake Martin are the team’s leading receivers, with Hein catching 11 passes for 192 yards and two touchdowns while Martin has caught nine passes for 133 yards and a touchdown in three games this season.

In their previous matchup, the Warhawks edged No. 19 ranked Mary Hardin-Baylor 17-14 on the road. UWW kicked off the scoring with a rushing touchdown from Thomas, but the Crusaders responded with a rushing touchdown early in the second quarter. Whitewater was able to pull ahead at halftime off another rushing touchdown from Thomas to put the Warhawks up 14-7. Mary Hardin-Baylor tied the game at 14 early in the third quarter, but a field goal from kicker Jeff Isotalo-McGuire put UWW on top and Whitewater hung on in the fourth quarter to get the win.

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Titans tennis takes down St. Norbert 9-0

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The UW Oshkosh women’s tennis team defeated St. Norbert College, 9-0 on Sept. 23.

The dual, previously scheduled to take place at the Kolf Sports Center outdoor tennis courts, was moved to the Oshkosh YMCA Tennis Center due to weather conditions.

Taking the No. 1 doubles match, Olivia Pethan and Alysa Pattee finished on top with a score of 8-3 against St. Norbert’s Hannah Starr and Grace Peters. In the No. 2 doubles match, Ella Nguyen and Courtney Carpenter outscored Mayghan Bongle and Anna Vechart 8-7. To close out the doubles competition, Jameson Gregory and Kayla Gibbs delivered a fi-

nal score of 8-2 to defeat Paige Diercks and Irene Multhauf in the third flight.

At No. 1 singles, Pethan posted a 6-3, 6-4 win against Starr. Pattee defeated Diercks 6-0, 6-1 in the No. 2 singles match. Nguyen posted a 6-3, 6-1 win against Peters at No. 3, and Gregory ousted Bongle 6-1, 6-0 at No. 4. Jenna Noble outscored Vechart 6-3, 6-3 and Gibbs delivered a shutout match against Multhauf with scores 6-0, 6-0 in No. 5 and No. 6 singles matches respectively.

The Titans are set to return to action against Marian University at Fond du Lac High School on Sept. 27. The first serve is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. UWO is currently undefeated (11-0) against Marian since their first meet in 1992.



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Oshkosh’s Jameson Gregory volleys the ball in a tennis match earlier this year against Ripon College.



# Sports



## Scoreboard

Friday, Sept. 22

**Volleyball**  
Game 1:  
UWO - 3  
Ripon College - 0  
Game 2:  
UWO - 3  
Aurora University- 1  
**Soccer**  
UWO - 0  
Kalamazoo College - 3

Saturday, Sept. 23

**Volleyball**  
UWO - 3  
North Central College (Ill.) - 0  
**Soccer**  
UWO - 1  
Albion College - 1  
**Cross-Country**  
Women’s - 1/9, 37 pts.  
Men’s - 1/10, 38 pts.  
**Tennis**  
UWO - 9  
St. Norbert College - 0

Sunday, Sept. 24

**Women’s Golf**  
UWO - 5/8, 347-351 698

Tuesday, Sept. 26

**Volleyball**  
UWO - 3  
UW-Stevens Point - 1

## Upcoming Events

Friday, Sept. 29

**Cross-Country**  
at UW-Eau Claire Blugold invitational Men’s at 4:15 & Women’s at 5:15

Saturday, Sept. 30

**Volleyball**  
at University of Chicago at 11 a.m. and Hope College at 1:30 p.m.  
**Football**  
vs. UW-Whitewater at 1 p.m.  
**Tennis**  
at UW-River Falls at 1 p.m.  
**Soccer**  
vs. UW-La Crosse at 7 p.m.  
**Women’s Golf**  
at UW-Stevens Point Mad Dawg Invitational

Sunday, Oct. 1

**Women’s Golf**  
at UW-Stevens Point Mad Dawg Invitational

### A-Trivia

How many D-III volleyball teams are undefeated in their 2023 season?

Answer: Five, including UWO’s 18-0 Titans!



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

UWO forward Gabriella Mattio dribbles down the field while being pursued by a University of Chicago player Sept. 20 at Titan Stadium.

## Soccer winless in last 4 matches

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The UW Oshkosh women’s soccer team found themselves in three competitive matches last week where they lost to the University of Chicago (Illinois) and Kalamazoo College (Michigan) and drew with Albion College (Michigan).

UWO began their week of games hosting the University of Chicago (4-1-1) at J.J. Keller Field on Sept. 20.

In the first half against the Maroons, the Titans found themselves being outshot significantly by an 11-1 margin. However UWO ended the half only down 1-0 after giving up a goal in the 32nd minute.

UWO would not be as for-

tunate in the second half when they would be outshot 16-3 in the period and giving up four goals in the process in the 47th, 57th, 75th and 89th minutes. UWO lost the game 5-0, dropping the team’s record to 1-4-2.

UWO would look to rebound on Friday when they took on Kalamazoo College (2-3-2) on the road at MacKenzie Field Sept. 22.

The first half was far more promising than the previous two for the Titans. The box score seemed very even through the first 45 minutes of action the Titans outshot the Hornets 5-4 and found themselves deadlocked at 0-0 during the break.

The second half slipped away from the Titans as the Hornets came out hot, outshooting the

Titans 14-5. The Hornets applied enough pressure to net three goals in the second half in the 63rd, 68th and 90th minutes. UWO had now lost back-to-back games, dropping their record to 1-5-2.

In desperate need of a better result, the Titans traveled to Albion College on Sept. 23. The Britons (3-1-3) were coming into this game hot by not losing a game since their first match on Sept. 1, posing yet another strong matchup for the Titans.

The game was very even throughout. The two teams found themselves neck and neck in terms of shots taken and were applying pressure evenly. The game entered the half at 0-0 and it was looking to end that way as well, but that is when se-

nior Rylie Kaufmann found the back of the net in the 88th minute giving the Titans a 1-0 lead.

However only a minute later the Britons found an equalizer, dampening the Titans’ dreams of stealing a win on the road. The Titans were able to get another shot on goal in the dying embers but were unable to convert, ending the game in a 1-1 draw and pushing the Titans’ record to 1-5-3.

UWO played a home match-up against Loras College (Iowa) on Sept. 27, see the UWO Athletics website for results. On Sept. 30, there will be another home matchup at Titan Stadium against UW-La Crosse for the team’s first WIAC game of the season at 7 p.m.

## UWO golf places 5th in La Crosse

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The UW Oshkosh women’s golf team traveled to Onalaska on Sept. 23 and Sept. 24 where they placed fifth of eight teams in the UW-La Crosse Fall Invitational, shooting 698 strokes during the two-round event.

The event started out hot for UWO, as all four players included in scoring for Saturday’s round one action scored under 90 strokes.

Leading the way for UWO on Saturday was senior Ava Downie who shot an 85 in round one, making it her best scoring round of the season.

Following right behind Downie was a duo of sophomores, Hailey Matenaer, making her season debut, and Taryn Endres who both shot an 87 on Saturday.

“We had a good chunk of scores in the 80’s this weekend which was a nice thing,” Endres said.

Round two on Sunday was not

as kind to the team as Matenaer was the only golfer included in scoring to improve from her round one score. The team shot a 351 on Sunday compared to their 347 on Saturday.

Endres said the weather may have played a factor in some of the scores this weekend and said that the team had to deal with a “good chunk” of rain this weekend.

However Endres finds that type of adversity to be a good building block and something the team can look to help strengthen their games “Sometimes the more challenging situations gets your mind in a better place to be more focused on what you’re doing during the round,” Endres said. “That makes the round more fun and interesting experience.”

Head coach Tyler Cassmeyer is expected to return this week after being married Sept. 16. Assistant Athletic Director Abby Gildernick has been covering Cassmeyer’s duties the past two weekends.



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Ava Downie shot 170 total strokes (28-over par) at the tournament.

Endres expects the work to continue as usual once Cassmeyer returns.

“We need to work collectively on long game and short game so all things will be tackled at practices this week,” Endres said. “Specifically we can work on long game consistency as well as closer chips and less putts through a round.”

Working on second shots in the long game is what coach Cassmeyer mentioned as an area in need of improvement after their first invite of the year in Eau-Claire.

The season will roll on in Stevens Point next weekend where the team will compete in the Mad Dawg Invitational on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at the SentryWorld Golf Course.



# Sports



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Riley Kindt winds up for the kill against UW-Stevens Point Sept. 26. Kindt led the Titans with 12 kills in the win over the Pointers at the Kolf Sports Center.

## Volleyball: Titans remain unbeaten

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UWO head volleyball coach Jon Ellmann said before “Community Night” that he was honored to host an event that brings together the community and celebrates Titan student-athletes.

“The Fox Valley community has been an amazing supporter of youth and collegiate athletics and as a higher education institution geographically positioned in the center of this amazing region,” Ellmann said before the event. “Volleyball is growing. More girls now play volleyball than any other female team sport in the country. We have a beautiful arena that holds more than any other D-III arena in the country. The previous attendance record

of 3,051 was set 10 years ago and it’s our hope that we can get the Fox Valley out in force to create an evening that will surely be special for all involved.”

UWO junior Casey Webber said that the crowd was electric inside the Kolf Sports Center.

“It was really cool to see this movement from the community to attempt to break the attendance record,” Webber said. “The atmosphere of the crowd inside the building was one of the best that I have ever been a part of during my time at Oshkosh. It’s really special and speaks volumes to the campus in general that we are able to get the fans involved in the many different sporting events on campus.”

During the match, the Titans took the first, third and fourth sets 25-13, 25-18 and 26-24, respectively. UWO senior middle blocker Riley Kindt led the team with 12 kills on 26 attacks for a kill percentage of 0.286 and her 12th double-digit kill match of the season. Kalli Mau and Izzy Coon each recorded 21 and 15 assists, respectively, while Abby Fregien finished the match with 24 digs, extending her WIAC-leading mark of 259 kills this season.

UWO registered 38 assists and 39 kills in the match as a team and the Titans continue to lead the nation in both assists (807) and kills (848).

In the first set, Oshkosh jumped out to a 7-5 lead but quickly found

themselves with a 17-7 advantage in part from back-to-back aces from Amelia Hust. Sami Perlberg recorded the final kill of the set as UWO cruised to a 12-point victory in the opening set.

In the second set, UWO started slow and found themselves down 12-4 early. Oshkosh went on a scoring run to cut the Pointer lead to 19-11 but UWSP closed out the set with three straight points to even the match at a set a piece.

Stevens Point opened the third set on a 4-0 run, but the Titans stormed back to tie the set at 9-9. Both teams traded points for most of the set until a Perlberg kill jumpstarted a run that saw UWO score eight straight points and give the Titans a 24-17.

Robyn Kirsh provided the set-point kill to give UWO a 2-1 set lead.

UWO started the final set on a 10-2 scoring run that featured five straight Stevens Point errors. UWSP fought their way back into the set, narrowing the Titan lead to 19-17 and the Pointers took a 23-22 lead off a kill from Sydney Mosinski. Oshkosh went on a 4-0 run to close out the set and a UWSP error gave UWO the match-point and sent the Titans to their 18th straight win.

UWO will look to remain unbeaten when they travel to Chicago Sept. 30 for two matches against the University of Chicago (Illinois) and No.2 ranked Hope College at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. respectively.

## Football: UWO to take on Whitewater



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Oshkosh’s Carson Raddatz returns an interception Sept. 2.

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The last time the Titans and the Warhawks faced off, UWW secured a 17-3 victory at home after blanking UWO for the first three quarters of the game. Berghammer finished the contest 18-38 with 193 passing yards and an interception while the Titans combined for just 87 rushing yards. Whitewater scored nearly all their points on the ground, with senior running

back Preston Strasburg rushing for 29 yards and two touchdowns while the team combined for 165 rushing yards.

The Titans will face off against the Warhawks at 1:05 p.m. at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium for Hall of Fame day where the athletics department will highlight the newest inductees into the UWO Athletics Hall of Fame.

## Cross-country: Men place 1st

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On the men’s side, four Titans made it into the top 10. Proteau placed first with a time of 25:14; senior Joe Kehoe placed second for the second time straight with a time of 25:28; sophomore Cameron Cullen placed third with a time of 25:44; and senior Jason Ford rounded out the top 10 with a time of 26:19.4.

Coach Eamon McKenna commented saying it was a good competitive effort overall.

“I think our athletes did a nice job of competing overall,” McKenna said. “Our top group on both sides ran well and attacked the front. We would have liked to have five in the top 15 of each gender, and we ended up with four of each gender. Those athletes won individual awards and really had solid days. We can continue to work on sticking together and we can trust our training and abilities more when the race gets difficult in the middle and later sections.”

Along, with the awards for placing both runners Buchinger and Proteau earned honors as Wisconsin Intercollegiate Ath-



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Paul Proteau won the men’s individual title with a time of 25:14.

letic Conference Kwik Trip cross-country athletes of the week for their performances the week of Sept. 18-24.

Proteau said it was a big step forward for the future of the season for him.

“I personally thought it was a solid individual performance,” Proteau said. “I have bigger ambitions in terms of times this season, but this certainly was a big step forward. Considering

it felt smooth for the most part, I’d like to think there is a lot more to give in future races.”

The next race for the Titans will be the UW-Eau Claire Blugold Invitational on Sept. 29. This race will be held at the Whitetail Golf Course in Colfax with the men starting at 4:15 p.m. followed by the women at 5:15 p.m.



Opinion

# Oversharing with strangers

## The logic behind trusting someone you just met

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If you’ve found yourself having to digress from spilling the ins-and-outs of your entire life to a complete stranger, there happens to be logic behind this feeling. We, as humans, tend to tell strangers more about ourselves than our closest friends know about us.

This may be attributed to the fact that our secrets disappear with the conversation, giving us the ability to vent without the normal retribution from our close friends and family.

It may also be that some strangers have trustworthy eyes that make you want to tell them about your worst first date story that you’ve never told anyone before. Whatever it is about strangers that turns us into a vulnerable spout of truths, there is logic behind it.

“When people overshare, they are often desiring very much to connect with someone,” Carolyn Cole, licensed marriage and family therapist, told Mic website.

It’s human nature to connect with people over moments of weakness rather than moments of triumph. Cole explained the phenomenon of oversharing to actually be a method of connection. Those initial moments of oversharing allow glimpses into this person’s life in hopes to relate with you on some deeper level.

The definition of oversharing lies in those on the receiving end of the information being overshared. There are people who would completely prefer to discuss the impending rain rather than the night you got too drunk at your sister’s wedding and ruined the first dance. However, there are people who would probably one-up your drunken wedding catastrophe with something even worse. What some view as oversharing, others view as connection.

Coming from someone who chronically tells too many details about my life to someone I met standing in line for coffee, I want to make people feel at ease (whether I’m aware of this in the moment or not). I fully don’t expect people to remember what I tell them or even ask my name for that matter; I just like to remind people that conversations with strangers don’t have to be so surface level.



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**“Human beings are deeply social and tend to reciprocate in conversation. If you share something meaningful and important, you are likely to get something meaningful and important exchanged in return, leading to a considerably better conversation,”** said Nicholas Epley, Ph.D., a professor of behavioral science at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

“...we often stick to small talk with strangers because we underestimate how much others are interested in our lives and wrongly believe that deeper conversations will be more awkward and less enjoyable than they actually are,” according to research published by the American Psychological Association.

Nicholas Epley, Ph.D., a professor of behavioral science at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and co-author of the study published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology called the idea of oversharing a “social paradox.”

“If connecting with others in deep and meaningful ways increases well-being, then why aren’t people doing it more often in daily life?” Epley said.

To test his theory that deeper conversations lead to more meaningful and overall more beneficial connections, Epley and his team arranged an experiment that paired over 1,800 participants with one

another (complete strangers) and prompted them to discuss shallow and/or deep topics provided by him and his team.

The questions ranged from the shallow end of the spectrum such as comparing what television show your partner is binge watching to the deeper side of things like the last time your partner cried in front of another person.

Prior to their conversations, participants were asked to predict the outcome of them. They were asked to predict the awkwardness of it and say whether or not they were likely to enjoy it when all was said and done.

“Overall, the researchers found that both deep and shallow conversations felt less awkward and led to greater feelings of connectedness and enjoyment than the participants had expected. That effect tended to be stronger for deep conversations,” reported the American Psychological Association (APA).

So, now the question stands;

why is it if these deeper conversations were significantly more gratifying we continue to suppress ourselves by defaulting to talking about the results of the football game last night? I think sometimes we forget that as humans we share similar thoughts; experiences; emotions. Someone — somewhere — is bound to understand (and may even relate to) you.

“People seemed to imagine that revealing something meaningful or important about themselves in conversation would be met with blank stares and silence, only to find this wasn’t true in the actual conversation,” Epley said. “Human beings are deeply social and tend to reciprocate in conversation. If you share something meaningful and important, you are likely to get something meaningful and important exchanged in return, leading to a considerably better conversation.”

I’ve met some extraordinary people by accident. It is those interactions that — quite frankly —

I remember the most. I once met a woman in an airport terminal who talked to me for the duration of our time spent waiting for the plane to arrive. The notches of her fingers were decorated with chunky turquoise rings and she was suited head-to-toe in all black. From her sheer tights to the thick, brimmed glasses on her nose.

She complimented my camera and I learned that her favorite photographer was Diane Arbus. It was more than two strangers sharing uncomfortable silence and a charging port at an airport. Her name was Jude and she had stage 4 terminal cancer. She was headed for southern sunshine and family.

Even though we shared a conversation no longer than an hour, I’ll always remember her. I think Jude is an example of human connection in its purest most raw form. Don’t be afraid to overshare and/or listen to someone overshare; it’s a desire to connect.



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