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The UWO volleyball team remains undefeated after their game against UW-Stout on Oct. 6. The team has the best record in school history at 21-0.

Volleyball improves to 21-0

By Nolan Andler
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Continuing on their best start in team history, the UW Oshkosh volleyball team traveled to UW-Stout on Oct. 6 for another Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference match.

The Titans remained at No. 2 in last week's American Volleyball Coaches Association poll. They swept the Blue Devils with set scores of 25-22, 25-15 and 25-14.

Riley Kindt and Sami Perlberg led the team in kills, with Kindt recording 15 and Perlberg recording 12. Both of them were also the leaders in assists. Perlberg record-

ed 26 assists and Kindt had 21. Riley Dahlquist also recorded 18 assists.

Just like they've done all year, UWO got off to another fast start in the first set. The Titans had a 9-4 lead to start set one behind four kills from Kindt. UW-Stout was able to go on a 5-0 run to tie the set at 9 all. That was all for competitiveness in this set as the Titans were able to go on another big run. The Titans went on a 6-1 run to make it 15-10 and they were able to close out set one with a 25-22 win.

Set two was all Titans, who were able to blow it open by going on a 12-5 run midway through the

set and taking a 14-7 lead. UWO was able to hold onto the big lead and win the second set 25-15 in a dominating fashion.

In set three, the Blue Devils jumped out to a 3-0 lead due to two attack errors from UWO. The Titans didn't need long to rally as they were able to tie the set up at 8-8. The two teams went back and forth for most of the set, but UWO went on another 6-1 run to make it 17-12, due to three kills from Perlberg along with a kill from Kindt. From there, it was not close as UWO cruised to a 25-14 set three and got the match win. Robyn Kirsch had the match winning point with a kill.

UWO took on UW-Eau Claire on Oct. 11. Check the UWO athletics website for more information about the game.

The Titans will take on Simpson College (Iowa) and Washington University in St. Louis (Missouri) Oct. 13 at the WashU Invitational in St. Louis starting at 10:30 a.m.

WIAC Standings

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

How will UWO rebuild trust?

By Anya Kelley
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UW Oshkosh administrators are facing backlash as UWO is being confronted with 200+ layoffs and furlough assignments due to an \$18 million deficit.

The Universities of Wisconsin, formerly called the UW System, is coming out of a 10-year tuition freeze and state funding has been fairly stagnant for the past few years. Currently, UWO is largely dependent on tuition as its main source of revenue.

"Our enrollment has declined pretty dramatically over the last six, seven-plus years," said Alex Hummel, chief of staff and spokesperson for UWO.

Currently, all UW system schools are facing enrollment declines due to two major issues: Wisconsin's aging demographic and a shrinking number of young people choosing to attend a four-year school.

Hummel called it the "matter of selection," as there are many options for high school graduates in the state.

COVID-19 brought some financial relief with the federal government offering COVID-19 relief bonds that acted like a buffer for UWO.

UWO suffered a spike in retention loss during COVID-19, but that was a trend seen across the system, Hummel said. However, coming out of COVID-19, UWO suffered another enrollment decline.

"We had a big one coming out of COVID and used our reserves to further buffer those losses," Hummel said.

Administrators have been working to combat enrollment declines

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UWO student dies in Stewart Hall

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UW Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt announced Oct. 6 that a student died in Stewart Hall after being found unresponsive early Friday morning.

In a letter to students, Leavitt wrote that UW Oshkosh Police Department officers conducted a welfare check in Stewart Hall and found the student unresponsive after multiple attempts to communicate with the individual.

UWOPD reported that foul play is not suspected and there is no threat to campus safety. The university is not releasing the name of the individual at this time.

More information will be re-

leased as soon as it becomes available.

Leavitt said that the university recognizes that this news may be distressing for students and may evoke a range of different emotions.

"We understand this is a deeply painful and difficult time for our university community, and our thoughts and condolences go out to the student's family and friends," Leavitt said in an email to students. "Grieving is a personal process, and it is important we support each other during this time of sorrow."

Students can contact counseling services to help cope with the news and any related emotional challenges by visiting the Counseling Center at suite 240 inside the Student Success Center at 750 Elmwood Ave.

or by calling (920)-424-2061. Faculty and staff members can contact Dempsey Hall to receive support through the Employee Assistance Program. Community members who may be affected by this news can contact the Winnebago County Crisis Mental Health line at (920)-233-7707.

Leavitt said he wants to remind people they are not alone and encourages the campus community to reach out for support if needed.

"I encourage you to take advantage of these resources and to lean on each other for support during this challenging time," Leavitt said. "Grief affects each of us differently, and it is important to respect and support one another as we navigate this loss."



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Stewart Hall is one of 10 residence halls on the UWO campus. It's located between Evans Hall and Fletcher Hall.

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The UWO community has many concerns and questions following the announcement of UWO’s \$18 million budget deficit. The university has released various documents and letters from upper administration in response, but questions still linger.

Admin: ‘I wish it were better’

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by “trying to attack the revenue side of the operation,” he said. “It’s been very difficult and hasn’t gone the way we’d hoped it would have gone.”
Now, UWO is facing a 200+ workplace reduction along with mandatory furlough days for most faculty and staff. Only those making less than \$33,000 are exempt from furlough.
Workplace reductions are a response to the diminishing student population since there are currently too many staff compared to students.
“You know, we’re still a workforce that’s set up to serve the student population that we had several years ago,” Hummel said. “And we no longer have reserves to help us weather this. It makes (for) some very, very difficult decisions.”
Many members of the UWO community have been critical of the UWO administration and have questioned whether the decline in the number of high school students was followed closely by enrollment management.
Hummel said that, throughout the system, the decline in high school students has been watched very carefully.
However, the UWO community doesn’t seem to agree.
“It seems as though their strategy was primarily to hire more highly paid administrators, buy expensive software, consolidate and centralize programs and leave the strategy to the experts,” Paul Van Auken, professor and chair of the sociology department said. “And it hasn’t worked.”
Cindy Schultz, the journalism department associate, echoes that same sentiment.
“We knew this problem had been coming for years, and while they hired an AVC (assistant vice chancellor) for enrollment management, each year our numbers continued to go down,” Schultz said. “You are paying someone a six-figure salary, for what?”
Professor of communications studies Tony Palmeri said the Cooperative Academic Partnership Programs (CAPP) at UWO has long been “one of the most outstanding.”
“Under the great leadership of Dr. Cathy Bryan and Mr. John Dobyns, CAPP has recruited numerous high school students to UW Oshkosh,” Palmeri said.

“Both Dr. Bryan and Mr. Dobyns have opted to retire at the end of the year. Their leaving is a prime example of the high caliber of experienced talent we lose when the university pits budget savings against what should be urgent priorities like recruiting high school students.”
Originally, the university’s goal was to boost enrollment as much as possible through marketing efforts, Hummel said.
“[Now] I think we’re concentrating on just stabilization,” he said.
UWO is attempting to handle the budget deficit holistically. Currently, other schools throughout the system are basing their deficits off of the numbers from fiscal year 2022.
UWO is projecting an \$18 million deficit by fiscal 2025 if no action is taken. UWO is not currently in the red \$18 million.
Hummel said we’re “getting into the throes of it right now,” and the \$18 million number isn’t necessarily analogous to the numbers the other schools are working off of right now.
Furloughs and workforce reductions are being looked at as “transitional tools” between now and fiscal year 2025.
“I do know there (are) institutions looking at furloughs,” Hummel said. “And I think there are some others too that are looking at their workforce. I don’t know what actions they’ll prescribe.”
Questions have arisen about the Fond du Lac and Fox access campuses. Community members and students enrolled on those campuses wonder whether or not they are on the chopping block after UW-Platteville’s Richland campus announced its closure in November 2022.
Fox currently has 549 undergraduate students enrolled while Fond du Lac has just 238.
“That conversation continues at the UW System president and regent level,” Hummel said. “They’re the ones that are conferring with access campuses’ chancellors.”
Administrators said they knew that when they announced that UWO had an \$18 million deficit that it could harm the school’s reputation.
Hummel said administrators have been watching to make sure students still felt confident at-

tending UWO this fall and thinks it was helpful that students saw UWO attacking the issue head on.
Regardless of budget deficits, Hummel said he still thinks UWO offers an amazing experience.
“We made a commitment to do everything we can in our power to shield those experiences for students from any negative harm,” Hummel said. “And we’re confident we can do that.”
Administrators are also working to avoid a “ripple effect” of too many students experiencing negativity on campus due to the Institutional Realignment Plan (IRP).
“What we’re doing in addition to managing this workforce reduction effort, you know, is not just merely an exercise in saying goodbye to people,” Hummel said. “It’s also an exercise in holding ourselves accountable and absorbing the duties, responsibilities and support that those good people have helped deliver over the years on a smaller employee base.”
Everything comes down to student success and how the student experience can be preserved.
“What things can we let go that we were doing that maybe aren’t as responsive to student needs or their time here?” Hummel said.
Schultz said she believes that there is no way administrators are keeping students out of the crosshairs.
“What is going unanswered is how is this university going to survive?” Schultz said. “Students are going to be negatively impacted when they cannot find someone within a department office to answer their questions and assist them because they have been laid off. How are we going to keep the doors open? How is the work going to get done? Who is going to be here to support the faculty and students?”
According to the Universities of Wisconsin accountability dashboard, the number of administrators at UWO stacks up fairly evenly to all the other UW schools.
Hummel said all UWO administrators, besides Provost Edwin Martini, are taking furlough days. Martini chose to take a temporary base salary reduction to aid in continuing his work in academic planning this school year.

UWO’s administration is doing its best to work closely with shared governance around campus to keep all channels of communication open, Hummel said.
“We’re doing our very best to work together, I really do believe that,” Hummel said. “[To] find the way forward, it’s very difficult, it’s very painful, but people are looking out for the institution and its future.”
In the midst of this financial crisis, two large changes have happened at UWO: Clow Hall’s multimillion dollar renovation was completed and UWO launched a \$3 million marching band.
Schultz said she feels that once the layoffs have taken place, UWO will see an even larger divide in the relationship between faculty and staff and administrators.
“I do not feel that they are being truthful about everything,” she said. “How could we have been in such fine financial shape two years ago, as was reported to the Board of Regents, but now we are \$18 million in the hole? There is no accountability at the upper levels and there truly needs to be.”
Van Auken sees a similar divide.
“I have been here for 17 years and this is definitely the worst it’s been,” he said. “The gulf between us is huge.”
Van Auken and many of his colleagues love UWO and want to invest time into improving the financial situation.
“We love this place and have ideas about how to make a terrible situation better, but it doesn’t seem that the upper administration is very interested,” he said. “It seems that they are hunkered down in Dempsey and continue to give the impression that faculty are somehow to blame for our issues.”
Van Auken and some of his colleagues expressed concern to the chancellor and the provost last spring, but didn’t get much of a response.
“It’s of course only gotten worse, particularly because the transparency in their decision-making is low and the accountability being taken by administration even lower,” Van Auken said. “I wish it were better, but this is how I see it at this point.”

Student body ratifies OSG constitution

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UW Oshkosh students approved a new student government constitution on Oct. 2, which renamed the Oshkosh Student Association (OSA) to the Oshkosh Student Government (OSG), updated its executive positions, expanded the Senate and replaced the Assembly with town halls.

OSG President Ben Blaser and Vice President Jakob Rucinski said they were hoping for a better voter turnout, but that the OSG Executive Board worked hard to ensure students were as informed as possible.

“Our executive board did an amazing job presenting the proposed constitution changes to the student body,” Blaser said. “There were a variety of ways that the student body learned about the new OSG constitution.”

Blaser and Rucinski said the OSG prioritized student access to the ballot by extending the voting period an entire week, from Sept. 14-25 and informed Titans about the referendum through multiple platforms.

They also said the OSG Executive Board worked diligently with the student media to ensure as many Titans knew about the details of the referendum as possible.

“Our team worked hard to provide presentations, mass emails and documents that tracked our changes,” Rucinski said. “We also tried to reach students in every way we could through an Advance-Titan article [and] a Titan TV news story.”

The total voter turnout was less than 100 students, and despite the Executive Board’s best effort to heighten student awareness, only 65 students voted in favor of the proposal, while seven voted against it.

“Voter turnout may not have represented a significant plurality of the student body, [but] all students had the opportunity to vote,” Blaser said. “If people felt that this was something that was worth voting on, they had the opportunity.”

The first town hall – which replaced the legislative Assembly – took place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Oct. 4 in Reeve 307, with the OSG hosting an open conversation on how students’ identities can better be represented.

“The main topic of the upcoming town hall will be student identity on campus, to discuss what it means to create safe and welcoming spaces for students to feel like they belong at UWO,” Rucinski said.

Blaser and Rucinski reaffirmed their commitment to fostering an inclusive atmosphere at town halls by inviting a wide range of campus experts to be on a panel leading the discussion on representing student identity.

“We have invited Maddie Wiles, Heidi Nicholls, Esmeralda Delgado, Byron Adams and a representative from the Titan Catholics,” Blaser said. “We are still waiting for confirmations on who can attend.”

Blaser and Rucinski said town halls will be open to all Titans, unlike the Assembly which required Recognized Student Organiza-



Courtesy of OSG Instagram

OSG members from left to right: Director of Staff Frankie Kerkhof, Food Pantry Director Hannah Krueger, Sustainability Director Katie Hesselbein, Organizational Relations Director David Hartzel, President Ben Blaser, Chris Healy (resigned), Vice President Pro Tempore Jesse Ramsey, Vice President Jakob Rucinski and Communications Director Veda Kistenmacher.

tions (RSOs) to send a legislative representative bound to parliamentary rule.

“Town halls will be open to every single UW Oshkosh student, not just RSOs,” Rucinski said. “We don’t expect anything specific from the attendees. If a student would like to provide input to the conversation, they are welcome to.”

Blaser and Rucinski said students can make their voices heard at town halls because they will provide students a megaphone to amplify their feedback, ideas, suggestions, comments, issues and concerns to the administration.

“It is extremely important for students to participate in town hall meetings so their thoughts, ideas and opinions can be collected by the director of organizational relations,” Rucinski said. “Feedback will be relayed to appropriate campus administrators and staff.”

While the first change renamed OSA to OSG and the second replaced the Assembly with town halls, the third added five Senate seats to expand that body to function as the sole student legislature.

“There are now three more at-large senator positions and two more advocacy positions,” Rucinski said.

The new advocacy positions

have yet to be determined, but the Senate is in the process of forming a committee to update the bylaws so the body reflects the changes that were made by the new constitution.

“Senators will be provided with more student feedback than in years prior and will be better equipped to represent the student body,” Rucinski said.

The OSG constitution may not have been ratified with a huge plurality of the student body, but it was still overwhelmingly favored over the old constitution, and that represents a real desire for change this reform may bring.

Departments finalize class schedules

Changes may impact class formatting, students’ ability to enroll

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UW Oshkosh has recently finalized schedules for the spring semester across campus. Despite the completion, it raises concern among faculty about the length of the process and its permanence.

Journalism department associate Cindy Schultz said that the late course registration is due to budget cuts and layoffs, which have affected the schedule as recently as last week.

“Everything has been pushed back because of budget cuts and impending layoffs,” Schultz said. “It’s much later than usual. ... People as late as last week were changing the schedule for spring 2024 because with the budget issues the university is facing, academic staff members are being let go.”

Schultz said that the constant shift will force courses to be affected by faculty availability.

“So we’re trying to figure out who’s going to be teaching those courses,” she said. “Or [we will be] canceling them because [we] don’t have enough people to teach them.”

With constantly changing workloads and staff employment, Schultz said that the situation is unstable, volatile and that it could affect availability of important courses that are required for majoring students.

“The situation is volatile,” she



Courtesy of UWO Flickr

Radio/TV/film students work in a classroom. Some departments, including the journalism department, are reformatting classes and schedules to meet changing university standards. The journalism department will be cutting summer courses to boost enrollment in fall classes.

said. “The university has increased faculty workload and they’re watching closely whether classes are filling or not. In the past classes needed at least 12 enrolled... now they bumped that minimum up to 15. ... Upper level programs are not always filled, and so there is a possibility that you will find more courses canceled, so you’ll have to scramble to replace it.”

In response to the situation, Schultz said that the journalism department will not release any courses for the summer term in order to not risk low enrollment in fall courses.

“It was determined that [the journalism department] will not put up any courses for our summer program,” she said. “If it jeopardizes you filling a class for the fall semester, why are you teaching it in the summer?”

In order to increase class sizes, the journalism department has opened their doors to classes that originally required prerequisites and adviser permission. Although this may al-

The gist of the story

- Typically, schedules for an oncoming semester are finished the semester before.
- With staff cuts, voluntary retirements and shifts in university departments, schedules have been in flux.
- Colleges within UWO are more stringently enforcing minimum student requirements, which forces departments to ensure that they can meet the requirements. This gives students less flexibility.
- If departments cannot meet the requirements, some classes may not be offered until the requirements can be met, which could delay some students’ graduation.

take Writing for the Media to write better, it may bump a major or minor out of that spot. ... I worry how it will affect students who signed up for our program.”

The current scheduling issue is symptomatic of larger issues within UWO and its ability to penetrate the student academic experience.

Sports

Women’s XC places third

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The UW Oshkosh men’s and women’s cross-country teams competed at the Lawrence University Gene Davis Invitational on Oct. 7 where the women’s team managed to place third out of seven teams while the men’s team placed fourth out of six.

In the women’s race, junior Amelia Lehman led the Titans in the 6,000-meter run by finishing in sixth place with a time of 22:59.4. Alongside her, five other Titans made it within the top 25. Junior Libby Geisness placed 16th with a time of 24:01.6, sophomore Gwen Feitl placed 18th with a time of 24:10.1, sophomore MacKenzie Dix placed 20th with a time of 24:30.1, freshman Allison Van Der Wegen placed 22nd with a time of 24:41.0 and freshman Emma Maly placed 21st with a time of 24:37.7.

In the men’s race, freshman Lucas Nicholson led UWO with an 18th place finish in the 8,000-meter run with a time of 26:29.0. Evan Peterson placed 30th with a time of 26:58.0, Jason Skinkis placed 31st with a time of 27:02.9 and Zach Nelson placed 42nd with a time of 27:14.9.

Nicholson said the course felt fast.

“There was a hill in the back of the course that was a little challenging, but besides that the course was really fast,” Nicholson said.

Having been the first time he’s finished first for the team this year, Nicholson attributes a lot of his success to his teammates and coaches.

“The competition definitely pushed me to run faster, but not as much as my team and coaches who changed the dynamic of my race,” Nicholson said. “It took just listening and remembering what they say during every race, while also pushing through a mental barrier to run how I ran.”

The Titans will race next at the Augustana College Interregional Invite on Oct. 14.



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

UWO wide receiver Londyn Little runs with the ball in a game earlier this season. Little recorded 60 yards and two touchdowns on five receptions in the double-overtime win on Oct. 7. Little’s two touchdowns against Stout were the first in his career with the Titans.

Football wins in 2OT thriller

By Jacob Link
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The UW Oshkosh football team overcame a 17-point deficit in the second half while breaking four school records to defeat UW-Stout 48-46 in double overtime at Don and Nona Williams Stadium in Menominee Oct. 7.

The Titans (3-2, 1-1 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) defeated the Blugolds (2-3, 0-2 WIAC) for the 13th season in a row and UWO moved into a four-way tie for second place in the WIAC standings.

Oshkosh quarterback Kobe Berghammer and wide receiver Trae Tetzlaff combined to break four single-game records in the double-overtime victory.

Berghammer set program records for pass completions in a game (42), passing yards in a game (466) and all-purpose

yards in a game (571).

Tetzlaff set the program record for receptions in a game (16) in Oshkosh’s win over UWS, passing John Dettman’s record of 16 receptions in a game against River Falls on Oct. 10, 1981.

Berghammer broke former UWO quarterback Nick Wara’s record of 37 completions set back on Nov. 16, 2002, against UW-Whitewater and demolished Wara’s record of 499 all-purpose yards originally set on Nov. 15, 2003, against UW-Eau Claire. Berghammer’s 42 completions against Stout surpassed former UWO quarterback Brian Tomalak’s record of 460 passing yards set on Sept. 7, 1997, over UW-River Falls.

The Titans received the kick after halftime and immediately went on a 14 play, 70-yard drive capped off by an 11-yard Berghammer touchdown pass to Little, bringing UWO to within

three points of the Blue Devils.

After Oshkosh turned the ball over on downs late in the third quarter, it took UWS just two plays to find the back of the endzone after Matt Pomietlo ran up the middle for a 1-yard rushing touchdown to put Stout on top 37-27.

The Titans began the fourth quarter with a three-minute drive that ended with an 11-yard Berghammer touchdown pass to Cade Oiler and brought UWO back to within three points of the Blue Devils.

With under eight minutes to go in the contest the Titans were able to get into field goal range but Nolan Mobley missed the potential game-tying 23-yard field goal.

UWO held Stout to a three-and-out and Oshkosh marched 57 yards into field goal range, setting up Mobley with another potential game tying-field goal. Mobley converted on the 32-

yard try, tying the game at 37 with less than two minutes to go in regulation.

Stout had an opportunity to win the game with a field goal as time expired, but kicker Luke Cool missed the 44-yard attempt, sending the game into overtime.

In the first overtime, the Titans held the Blue Devils to a 37-yard field goal, putting UWS up 40-37.

On UWO’s first possession of overtime, Oshkosh drove to the 5-yard line but had to settle for a 22-yard field goal from Mobley to tie the game.

The Titans scored on the second play of the second overtime to take a 48-40 lead when Berghammer threw a 16-yard touchdown pass to Kaio Harn and threw a 2-yard pass to Little to convert on the two-point conversion try.

Turn to **Football** / Page 5

UWO soccer ends seven game winless streak

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The UW Oshkosh women’s soccer team played in two Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference matches last week, losing to UW-Whitewater on Oct. 4 and defeating UW-Stout on Oct. 7.

The Warhawks (4-4-2) had mixed results heading into their matchup against the Titans, going 1-1-1 in their previous three games. The Titans (2-8-3) came out with a fiery start, by finding the back of the net in only the 11th minute of action. Kate Whitney scored an unassisted goal, her second on the season.

The rest of the half would not fall in the Titans favor as the Warhawks responded with two goals

of their own in the 21st and 35th minutes. The Warhawks would end up doubling the Titans in shots in the first half 10-5 with UWO junior goalkeeper Emma Sauriol tallying five saves on those shots.

The Warhawks never looked back after taking the lead. They continued their momentum by finding the back of the net twice more in the 61st and 70th minutes to seal the game.

In desperate need of a win, the Titans hosted the Blue Devils (3-5-2) on Oct. 7 at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium. UWS found themselves having similar fortunes to the Titans heading into this game, having lost three consecutive matches and four of their past five.

The Blue Devils got off the first

three shots of the game but to no avail.

From that point on there would be nine more shots in the half and they would all be attempted by the Titans. One of those shots would find the back of the net, coming off the foot of junior forward Alayna Clark in the 38th minute.

The two teams would be able to get plenty of shots off in the second half but goalkeeper Emma Sauriol tallying six saves during the half would seal a 1-0 victory for the Titans, ending their seven game winless streak and gaining their first WIAC win of the season.

The Titans will continue action when they head to UW-Eau Claire to face the Blugolds in their fourth WIAC match of the season at 2 p.m. on Oct. 14.



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Alayna Clark scored in the 38th minute of UWO’s win over UWS at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium Oct. 7.

Sports



Scoreboard

Friday, Oct. 6

Volleyball
UWO - 3
UW-Stout - 0

Saturday, Oct. 7

Football
UWO - 48
UW-Stout - 46

Soccer
UWO - 1
UW-Stout - 0

Tennis
UWO - 1
UW-Eau Claire - 8

Cross-Country
Men's - 4/6, 95 pts.
Women's - 3/7, 55 pts.

Sunday, Oct. 8

Women's Golf
UWO - 6/8, 355-357-346 1,058

Upcoming Events

Friday, Oct. 13

Volleyball
vs. Simpson College (Iowa) at 3 p.m. & Washington University in St. Louis at 7 p.m. at St. Louis Mo.
Tennis
vs. UW-Stevens Point at 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14

Football
at UW-Eau Claire at 1 p.m.
Volleyball
vs. DePauw University (Ind.) at 10:30 a.m. & Illinois Wesleyan University at 12:30 p.m. at St. Louis Mo.
Soccer
at UW-Eau Claire at 2 p.m.
Swimming and Diving
at UW-Eau Claire at 1 p.m.
Cross-Country
at Augustana College Interregional Invite Men's at 11:45 a.m. & Women's at 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 15

Tennis
vs UW-Stout at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 18

Soccer
vs. UW-Stevens Point at 7 p.m.

A-Trivia

What is the only team ranked above the UWO volleyball team?

Answer: Juanita College (13-0) is ranked No.1 in the nation.

A-Trivia

What celebrity is now the football industry?

Answer: Taylor Swift, girlfriend of Washington Commanders player, Travis Kelce.

Football: UWO beats Blue Devils

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The Blue Devils scored a touchdown five plays later after Waechter ran up the middle for the 6-yard score, but Stout wasn't able to convert on the two-point conversion try and the Titans were able to hang on for the two-point victory.

Berghammer, who was named National Quarterback of the Week by d3football.com for his performance against Stout, went 43-53 with 465 passing yards and five passing touchdowns.

Berghammer, also named WIAC Offensive Player of the Week, was the team's leading rusher with 108 yards on the ground and a rushing touchdown. Oshkosh running back Harn added 13 rushes for 73 yards for the Titans.

Tetzlaff was the team's leading receiver, catching 16 passes for 149 yards and a touchdown. Wideout Dan Fynaardt caught five passes for 63 yards while fellow wide receiver Little caught five passes for 60 yards and two touchdowns.

On the defensive side, UWO combined to have 70 tackles as a team, three tackles for loss and a sack. Linebacker Mitch Borkovec led the team with eight total tackles while defensive back Carson Raddatz had six tackles and recorded a tackle for loss. Avery Martell had the lone sack for the Titans while Bryce Hinn and DeAris McQuirter both recorded a tackle for loss.

Stout quarterback Waechter went 16-26 for 175 passing yards and one passing touchdown. Matt Pomietlo was Stout's leading rusher, gaining 112 yards on the ground and scoring three touchdowns while Waechter ran for 35 yards and a score.

Patrick Corcoran was the team's leading receiver with seven catches for 94 yards while Ben Karls hauled in the lone Blue Devils receiving touchdown.



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

UWO defensive back Carson Raddatz (5) tackles a UW-Whitewater defender at home Sept. 30.

On the defensive side for Stout, Cannon Griner had a game-high 18 tackles while Gervase Thompson and Walker Beyerl each recorded 0.5 sacks. As a team, Stout recorded 108 tackles, three tackles for loss and a fumble recovery.

Stout kicked off the scoring on just the third play from scrimmage when Pomietlo ran for an 11-yard touchdown 52 seconds into the game.

The Titans gave the ball right back to the Blue Devils on the first play of the next drive when Tetzlaff caught an 8-yard pass from Berghammer but fumbled the football at UWO's 29-yard line.

UWS took advantage of the good field position by marching down the field and adding another touchdown from Pomietlo, this time a 2-yard score, to give the Blue Devils a 14-0 lead.

Oshkosh finally got on the board with just under seven

minutes to go in the first quarter when Berghammer escaped the pocket and ran for a 10-yard touchdown. Mobley missed the ensuing extra point and the Titans trailed 14-6.

On the very next play, Stout found the endzone once again when Corcoran returned the kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown but missed the extra point, giving UWS a 14-point advantage.

The Titans pulled to within seven points of Stout after Oshkosh drove 81 yards in nine plays, setting up a Berghammer 25-yard passing touchdown to Tetzlaff with under three minutes to go in the first quarter.

Stout added a 32-yard field goal to start the second quarter, building the Blue Devil lead to 23-13. The Titans turned the ball over on downs on their next possession and UWS was able to capitalize with a 5-yard passing touchdown from Waechter to Karls.

Just before halftime, UWO drove down the field and Berghammer threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Little with 25 seconds remaining in the half to close the deficit to 30-20 at the break.

The Titans went on to outscore Stout 17-7 in the second half and force overtime, winning the game in the second overtime after the Blue Devils failed to convert on a two-point conversion try.

The Titans will be back in action Oct. 14 to take on UW-Eau Claire at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium at 1:05 p.m.

WIAC Standings

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

Titans tennis falls 8-1 to Eau Claire

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The UW Oshkosh women's tennis team fell to UW-Eau Claire 8-1 Oct. 7 at the Kolf Sports Center outdoor tennis courts.

UW-Eau Claire (4-1, 4-1 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) swept all six singles matches and claimed two of the three doubles contests.

UWO (6-3, 1-3 WIAC) claimed its win in the No. 3 doubles, with partners Jameson Gregory and Kayla Gibbs capturing an 8-5 victory against Blugolds Morgan Dekan and Téa Armstrong.

In the No. 1 doubles, Olivia Pethan and Alysa Pattee fell to UWEC's Samantha Fuchs and Anna Lee (8-1). Blugolds Liv Herzog and Sydney Presler outscored Ella Nguyen and Courtney Carpenter in the No. 2 doubles 8-4.

In the singles contests, Fuchs defeated Pethan 6-2, 6-1. Pattee dropped the No. 2 flight to Lee 6-2,

6-2, and Nguyen pushed the No. 3 matchup to three sets with a 6-1 win in the first, but fell to Dekan 6-3, 10-3. In the No. 4 matchup, Gregory lost to Presler 6-1, 6-2. Blugold Liv Herzog shut out Jenna Nolde in the No. 5 singles 6-0, 6-0, and in No. 6 singles, Téa Armstrong outscored Gibbs 6-4, 6-2.

The Titans return to action at home against UW-Stevens Point at Kolf Sports Center outdoor tennis courts on Oct. 13. The first serve is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. UWO is currently 27-15 against UWSP since their first meet in 1985.

WIAC Standings

UW-Whitewater	5-0
UW-Eau Claire	5-1
UW-La Crosse	4-2
UW Oshkosh	1-3
UW-Stevens Point	1-3
UW-Stout	1-3
UW-River Falls	0-5



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Kayla Gibbs and her doubles partner won their match 8-5 Oct. 7.

Sports

UWO Hall of Fame inducts 10

From Submitted News

The UW Oshkosh Athletics Hall of Fame increased its membership to 241 with the Oct. 1 induction of former student-athletes at the Culver Family Welcome Center.

Inductees included Holly (Ozarnich) Cappelle (women’s track & field), Ann Marie (Fink) Caruso (women’s track & field), David Christman (baseball), Natalie DeMichei (women’s basketball), Mike Gasper (baseball), Chris Hansman (men’s swimming & diving), Derek Kasten (men’s soccer), Nate Wara (football), Kerrie (Main) Washburn (women’s track & field) and Jen Young (women’s golf). Gasper was inducted posthumously into the hall of fame.

A five-time national champion and nine-time All-American, Cappelle enjoyed a very decorated career while competing for the UWO women’s track & field program from 2008-11.

Cappelle’s final season as a Titan was her finest. She captured seven individual titles as UWO won both the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and NCAA Division III indoor and outdoor championships.

Caruso, a two-time national champion and seven-time All-American, was involved in several notable firsts for the UWO women’s track & field program.

In 1989, Caruso became the first national champion in UWO history when she won the long jump with a school-record leap of 19-2 1/4 at the NCAA Division III Outdoor Championship in Naperville, Illinois. Her performance from that meet held as a school record until 1997.

In 1990, Caruso helped capture the school’s first national relay title with their winning time of 3:56.50 for 1,600 meters at Division III Indoor Championship.

Christman was a two-time All-America pitcher who helped the UWO baseball program to one World Series appearance,

four district titles, four conference championships and an 87-39 record from 1968-71.

The left-handed throwing Christman pitched in 33 career games for the Titans and compiled a 17-8 record with 170 strikeouts and a 2.65 earned run average across 200.2 innings.

In 1971, Christman and the Titans compiled a 24-16 record and captured their fourth straight WIAC and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics District 14 championships. UWO then won the NAIA Area IV title to advance to the World Series in Phoenix, Arizona, where they finished fifth.

Appearing on the court in all but one of UWO’s 106 games from 1992-95, DeMichei accumulated a career that ranks among the finest in the history of the school’s women’s basketball program.

DeMichei was a forward for the Titans and totaled 1,453 career points while shooting 56% from the field and 61.4 from the free throw line.

DeMichei, who is the only Titan to average 12.9 points or better during each of her four seasons, ranks third in UWO history in both career scoring and rebounding. She currently ranks seventh in the WIAC in career field goal percentage and 21st in scoring.

The Titans opened the 1995 season with 17 straight wins and concluded the campaign with a 28-3 record, a share of the WIAC title and an appearance in the Division III national championship game.

Gasper, who received All-America Third Team honors when UWO won the 1994 NCAA Division III Baseball World Series, enjoyed a wealth of success while pitching for the Titans.

Gasper, a right-handed thrower, helped UWO to one national title, four World Series appearances, four regional titles, four conference championships and a 132-42 record from 1991-94.



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

The 2023 UWO Athletic Hall of Fame inductees pose with their plaques on campus Oct. 1.

The Sparta High School graduate pitched in 44 contests during his UWO career and compiled a 24-8 record with eight shutouts, 23 complete games, 128 strikeouts and a 2.63 earned run average across 236.1 innings. He currently shares the WIAC record for career shutouts while ranking fourth in the league in complete games and 10th in victories.

Hansman performed for the UWO men’s swimming & diving team during the 2002, 2003 and 2004 seasons after competing for UW-Stevens Point in 2001.

Hansman transferred to UWO in 2001 and claimed WIAC 1-meter and 3-meter diving titles for the Titans while collecting All-America recognition with his fifth-place finish in the three-meter bracket at the Division III Championship.

In 2003, Hansman was named Diver of the Meet at the WIAC championship after winning the 1-meter and 3-meter events with

scores of 464.75 and 480.55, respectively. Hansman repeated as Diver of the Meet at the 2004 WIAC Championship.

One of only two All-America First Team award winners in the history of the UWO men’s soccer program, Kasten produced an impressive three-year career while playing for the Titans from 2001-03.

Kasten concluded his career with 42 goals, 25 assists and 109 points. He currently ranks third in UWO history in both career goals and points.

Kasten, who also owns 14 career match-winning goals, helped the Titans to a remarkable 50-8-2 record and three NCAA Division III postseason appearances.

Wara had an extremely special career with the Titans from 2009-12. Wara helped UWO to a 28-16 record, including a 13-1 mark in 2012 when the Titans won their first WIAC title since 1976 and

advanced to the semifinal round of the NCAA Division III Championship during the program’s inaugural postseason appearance.

Wara currently ranks third in the WIAC in career total yards (11,202), fourth in passing efficiency (147.80), fifth in pass completions and sixth in passing touchdowns. In UWO’s career listings, Wara ranks first in pass completion percentage (64.1), pass attempts and pass completions and third in both passing yards and passing touchdowns.

An All-America performer in two indoor events and four outdoor categories, Washburn’s versatility helped the UWO women’s track & field program win six national titles during her career as a Titan from 1994-97.

Young, the only four-time All-America award winner in the history of women’s golf in the WIAC, for the Titans from the 2003-07.

Golf ends season at WIAC championship

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The UW Oshkosh women’s golf team traveled to Reedsburg Oct. 6-8 where they placed sixth of eight teams in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship, shooting 1,058 strokes during the three-round event, the team’s last of the season.

Headlining the team over the weekend was senior Ava Downie, who shot a 248. Downie’s performance put her in 11th place of all competitors for the championship, her career best at the event.

UWO was able to produce four other top-50 performances this weekend trailing Downie with a trio of sophomores, Hailey Mate-naer, Kylie Herrin and Taryn Endres finishing well and junior Sydney Bornhorst joining them.

These scores allowed a sixth place finish for the Titans, two spots higher than their last place

finish last year, which Endres said the team found to be a huge positive.

Coach Tyler Cassmeyer credits the team’s improved mental strength to be a major factor in their improvements on the course.

“My approach this year was the mental game, trying to keep them calm on the course,” Cassmeyer said. “I’m sure every collegiate program does the same drills we do [physically] but I take pride in shaping the mind and making it stronger up there.”

The Titans will be without their two seniors Ava Downie and Alyssa Dreher next season. Endres is confident in herself and her teammates’ ability to fill in the leadership those two provided.

“We have two juniors and a good group of sophomores to keep us moving forward. We are hoping to have some freshman commit as well to help us along,” Endres said.

When it comes to which individ-

ual will step up, coach Cassmeyer said that remains to be seen.

“I can’t force someone to be a leader. I’m just going to push them all,” Cassmeyer said. “We’re going to work this offseason and see who shines and who steps up.”

When it comes to putting in work this offseason, Cassmeyer intends to put more effort as a team than UWO teams of the past.

“When I asked what they do in the offseason, they said they don’t really do much and they just kinda go on their own,” Cassmeyer said. “I’m like, whoa, we’re going to change that.”

Within the next few weeks Cassmeyer says they will be starting an offseason training that they haven’t experienced yet.

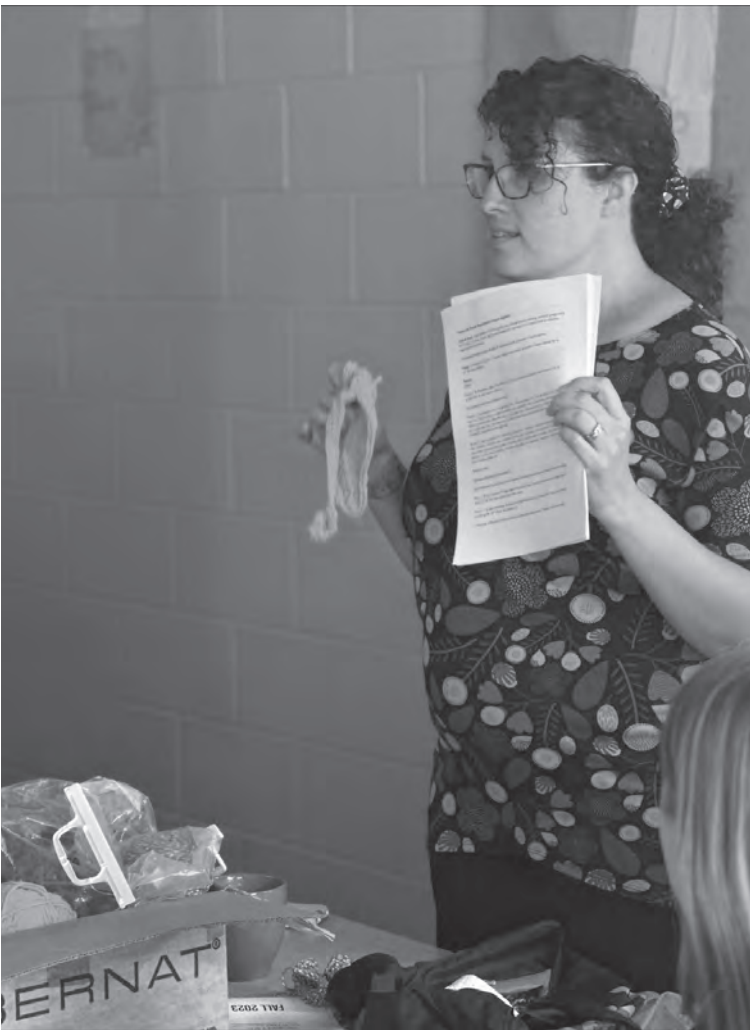
Cassmeyer is also looking to schedule more spring matches for the team to play in than in years past. His goal for the team is to play in matches throughout the month of April if the weather permits.



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Ava Downie led the Titans in 11th place at the WIAC championship.

Arts & Entertainment



Courtesy of Maxwell Rinn

Ula Klein, the director of the Women’s and Gender studies program, helps students learn to crochet along with different forms of advocacy.

‘Craftivism’ starts crochet mural

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The Women’s Center on campus holds many events to get students involved throughout the semester, which involve joining the staff and other members of the community over coffee, tea or hot chocolate.

These events are held to create a sense of community between everyone who is involved in them.

The events are a part of the Crafts, Coffee, and Community series at the Center for Pride and Gender Equity, a combination of the Women’s Center and LGBTQ+ Resource Center.

One of these events, held on Oct. 6, Craftivism on Campus: Reproductive Rights Yarn Mural and the event blended crafting and activism (known as craftivism).

The center is welcoming those who do and don’t know how to crochet to help create a mural for Women’s HERstory Month 2024.

The mural is inspired by one done by the artist Jen LaMastra, who created the “Liberty Crochet Mural” that displays symbols representing women’s right to choose.

LaMastra’s mural was created after the overturning of Roe v. Wade and has been replicated by many different communities.

Dr. Ula Klein, director of the Women’s and Gender Studies program on campus, helped create the idea for the project.

“I decided to pursue a yarn mural ‘craftivist’ project since I love to crochet,” she said. “I felt that the ‘Freedom to Choose’ mural might be too hard to do, so after talking with Maddie Wiles in the Women’s Center, we decided to do something slightly simpler.”

The project is open to everyone in the community to help create and be part of.

“We plan to have volunteers make parts of the mural from October - January and then stitch it all together on Feb. 20,” Klein

said. “We plan to display the mural on campus in March for Women’s HERstory Month.”

Klein said the first event is a start and will include planning the mural.

“We’ll be choosing the slogan for the mural, deciding on colors, and teaching people who don’t know how to crochet, how to crochet,” she said.

The hope is also to help students get a better understanding of advocacy Maddie Wiles, associate director of the center, said.

“I think there is a giant misconception that being an advocate or advocating for something we hold important to us has to look

one way,” she said. “Advocacy can take many forms, including using crafts and art as a means to accomplish our goals.”

She personally hopes the event will get students more involved at the center.

“My hopes are to get students engaged with important topics, building friendships and communities with one another, and to understand our services,” she said.

The kickoff event for the series was on Oct. 6, and the series will continue as the semester goes on.

For more information check out the events page here: uwosh.edu/womenscenter/events/.

Beekeeping Club generates interest in sustainability

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UW Oshkosh’s Sustainable Beekeeping Club was formed to generate student interest in ecosystem sustainability in beekeeping.

The club began as a capstone project and it turned into a club. This year was a milestone for the group, as was the first time that the hive survived the winter. As well, the club has begun to make an excess of honey, which it is using to collaborate with local partners.

Sarah Vandersee is the vice president of the club and said that the end goal of the club isn’t to harvest honey, but to promote environmental sustainability through bees.

“We care about honey as a secondary,” she said. “We focus more on the sustainability of bees, as they serve as advocates for natural bees in the ecosystem.”

Beyond using bees as a lens for environmental sustainability, Vandersee said that the club has a plethora of other advocacy focus-



Courtesy of the Beekeeping Club Facebook

The Beekeeping Club was first a capstone project.

es; both internally and collaboratively with other organizations.

“What our club does is to use honey bees as a way to actively participate in the ecosystem that we don’t see,” she said. “On top of

bees we advocate for wildflowers, natural landscapes and planting. We also try to participate in sustainable things on campus in partnerships with other clubs.”

Mackenzie Gresbach is a Psy-

chology major who found that the club, despite not falling under her academic field, fit her in other ways.

“I do it because it goes with my personality,” she said. “I like to be out in nature and it’s really fun. It’s about sustainability, you get to talk to different presenters and they tell us about pollinators and the importance of our work.”

Originally, she was apprehensive to participate in the club but she realized that it didn’t require a lot of work for the benefits.

“I was nervous to go at first but it’s really chill,” Gresbach said. “It’s a fun club and it’s different. I don’t like a lot of clubs on campus, but it’s very low commitment and I like the vibes.”

Gresbach said that the club constantly attracts new members throughout their sessions.

“It’s always fresh faces that come,” she said. “So it’s doing something right.”

The club will be featuring their honey cyser on Oct. 20 at Oblio’s Lounge in Oshkosh. Vandersee

said that this collaboration works towards the club’s goals of sustainability with local partners.

“We had a lot of extra honey and an older club member visited a brewer who decided to help us,” she said. “It’s awesome getting to work with people so close by and it’s awesome to say that we made that and it’s just down the road from here. It’s tangible and it’s local.”

Vandersee said that she gets mistaken as an environmental science major, due to her advocacy, but she believes that it’s important for everyone to be mindful of environmental sustainability

“It’s weird as an art major to decide I want to be with bees,” she said. “A lot of people assume I’m in environmental sciences. The earth belongs to everybody, around us on campus we have a sustainable campus. Getting to know this stuff counts, even if you’re just keeping a flower pot in your backyard. It’s about mindfulness.”

Protect our access campuses

By Kelly Hueckman
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My first day of college, I was convinced I had shown up on the wrong day.

The parking lot was mostly empty, only a few other students were in sight and all of the promotional flyers were dated from the previous year.

Campus was quiet, and that’s how it was every day after at the UW Oshkosh-Fox Cities branch campus.

Granted, this was just after the pandemic lockdown, and many classes were strictly online, but even years later, a ghost school is the reality for many of the Universities of Wisconsin access campuses.

Just 549 students are enrolled at the Fox Cities access campus this fall, down from 1,291 students in 2018. Even more startling? UWO’s Fond du Lac campus hosts just 238 students, down from 499 in the same five-year period.

Such low enrollment numbers forced UW-Platteville at Richland campus to stop offering classes.

Following the cut, University System President Jay Rothman requested financial assessment of all access branches in April leaving students, staff and faculty wondering if their campus is next on the chopping block. This is especially precedent as the University System faces a \$33 million deficit after the 2023 fiscal year.

If they’re struggling so much, why shouldn’t the UW schools cut these campuses? Why spend the money we don’t have to keep them open?

The reality is that access campuses are a saving grace for non traditional students.

Cutting these programs would be detrimental to people who don’t have the privilege of attending a four-year university. Access campuses allow a wider array of

students to get the education they deserve and for many, they are the best available option.

Financial accessibility

Lower costs are one of the biggest reasons incoming students opt to enroll in an access campus, which offer tuition rates as much as \$3,000 lower than their parent four-year institutions.

UWO’s Fox Cities and Fond du Lac campuses currently offer in-state tuition of just \$5,509 for Fond du Lac and \$5,318 for Fox Cities per year, and students can choose to live at home, off campus or on campus.

Meanwhile, UWO’s main campus typically charges \$8,258, and lowerclassmen are required to rent an on-campus dorm and purchase a meal plan.

Accounting for these fees, the annual cost rises to nearly \$16,000 per year, an unattainable goal for many students.

Access campuses’ lower costs also equal lower risks for students who aren’t quite sure college is for them.

These campuses allow students to get their feet wet in the higher academic world without having to pack up and move away from home, just to find out they wasted tens of thousands of dollars on something they didn’t want to pursue.

Taking away access campuses means taking away access to higher education for many lower-income students. For an institution created to teach, this would be inexcusable and contradict the fundamentals of a liberal education.

Closer to home

Although it was found that 40% of Americans who began college in 2021 moved away from home to do so according to Hireahelper.com, this is not an option for many other students.

Of course, living at home cuts



Courtesy of UWO Flickr

Lower costs are one of the main reasons incoming students enroll in an access campus. Access campuses allow a wider array of students to get the education they deserve.

the cost of pricey meal plans and room and board. However, work and/or familial obligations can also influence a student’s decision to enroll in an access campus as opposed to a four-year university.

Nationally recognized college admissions counselor Sara Harberson noted that students can and should even go as far as putting these responsibilities as extracurricular achievements on college applications.

She said she’s worked with students tasked with taking care of children of their own or younger siblings, helping with family-owned businesses and driving elderly family members to doctors appointments.

“Watching over siblings, checking in on grandparents and helping out the family business are just a few things that happen in a day that mean more than a good grade, a big leadership title or even a gold medal,” she wrote in a blog post.

These responsibilities are a major part of many students’ lives, and just because the semester begins doesn’t mean they go away.

Non traditional and returning students

The college experience is different for everyone, especially non-traditional students.

Non traditional students can be older than typical college-aged students, have children, be married, commute to school or have previous college experience.

Because these students generally have to balance work, life and school, it’s recommended that they opt for affordable schools with flexible schedules; UW’s branch campuses accomplish this better than other four-year institutions.

While access campuses lack a welcoming environment that main campuses may have, they make up for it by prioritizing low costs and accommodating classes, many of which are available online.

At the Fox Cities campus, it’s rare to find students mingling. Students were there with a commitment to their education without goals of building a social life here; they already had one outside of school.

However, Fox Cities, along with other access campuses, understand the needs of non traditional students and cater to them.

Branch campuses give non traditional students an opportunity to learn when a four-year university might not be attainable, and the Universities of Wisconsin should not take this opportunity away.

It’s that time of year: the semiannual crawl

Friendly refreshers for Pub Crawl veterans and tips for newbies

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UWO students – drum roll please – it is that time of year: the semiannual Pub Crawl. The weekend when college students drink from sunrise to sundown as soon as that final class gets out on Friday (with the extra ambitious drinkers starting on Friday morning).

It is undeniably the weekend when our college town lives up to its infamous name, Sloshkosh.

Shower beers become the temporary cure for hangovers, because if you sleep you’ll miss it.

It is almost impossible to prevent underage students from partaking in this event, therefore I will do my best to lay out the ground rules and helpful tips so that everyone can enjoy this weekend and minimize the

amount of trouble they get into.

First and foremost, fines are not a scare tactic and they will be given out without remorse. Police officers are there to keep the public safe; don’t mess with fire if you don’t want to get burned. Stay on the lawn. You will be subject to punishment if your feet hit public property with an alcoholic beverage in hand.

Equally important to watching where you parade yourself with an alcoholic beverage is knowing your own limits. Do not attempt to outdrink your friends, knowing full well that you can’t. What fun is Pub Crawl going to be if it’s lights out by noon? Pace yourself. You have the entire weekend to drink yourself silly – don’t overdo it immediately.

I think it’s important to add that you shouldn’t be pressured into drinking this weekend ei-

ther. Remind yourself how good it feels to wake up without the sudden urge to throw up and a throbbing headache. Save yourself the cost of liquor and time spent scraping mud buildup off your shoes.

For those still worried about fines (which you should be) let’s go over the potential money you could be out if you’re not smart about things. The first offense of underage drinking is \$263.50 according to the Oshkosh Police Department (OPD). Getting caught with a fake ID is a hefty fine of \$515.50. For those thinking they can pull off an ID from Missouri that’s peeling at the edges – don’t.

While you are partaking in activities this weekend, be respectful to the people and property around you. It’s all fun and games until someone’s proper-

ty is tampered with and/or destroyed by reckless, drunk college kids. Please try not to get caught on a ring doorbell doing something you’ll regret in the morning.

Let’s not make the community hate us this early in the year.

Ladies in particular, watch your drinks and surround yourself with people you trust. The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) reports that 75% of rapes occurred to intoxicated victims.

TIPS research also reports that “20–25% of women will experience sexual assault while in college, and at least 50% of sexual assaults involve excessive drinking.”

Be safe, be smart and look out for one another, even if you don’t know each other. If you see someone in need of help, step in

and take initiative. You will feel better knowing you took preventative action rather than wondering if something bad happened.

So brace yourself for a long weekend, UWO students. Freshmen, don’t push your limits. Seniors, live up your final fall crawl. Everyone in between, be smart.

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

Stock yourself up with beer and Liquid I.V. Oh, and don’t forget to eat! Never underestimate a PB&J at 2 in the morning.

Good luck on the three-day marathon that awaits you.