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Courtesy of Brian Beard

UWO's Kate Huml drives to the basket against a Smith player March 8 in Brunswick, Maine, in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament.

Titans come up just short

UWO falls 61-59 in 3rd round of NCAA tournament

By Nolan Andler
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The 2023-24 season for the UW Oshkosh women's basketball team came to a close as the Titans fell to the No. 14 nationally ranked Smith College Pioneers (Mass.) in the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA Division III Tournament. The Pioneers came out on top over the Titans 61-59.

Kate Huml led the Titans in scoring with 17 points and four rebounds off the bench, Huml shot seven-of-14 from the field, including 3-of-5 from the three. Mallory Hoinik and Kayce Vaile followed in the scoring category with 14 and 12 points each.

As the score indicated, the game was a back-and-forth battle. Neither team had a lead higher than nine in the game. Unfortunately though for the Titans, after the Pi-

oneers retook the lead at 41-40 with 3:07 left in the third the Titans never were able to reclaim the lead. The Pioneers pulled out to a 51-42 lead. UWO was able to battle all the way back and tie it at 59-59 with a jumper from Huml. It was looking like UWO was going to be able to send it into overtime, until Smith hit a layup with seven seconds to go. After a missed buzzer beating attempt by Bridget Froehlke, the Pioneer layup ended up to be game winner and it sent the Titans home.

After the game, sophomore Avery Poole said that Coach Brad Fischer told the team to not let this game define the season.

"His main message to us after the game was to keep our heads high and that we should be proud of ourselves even though it was not the outcome that we wanted," she said. "He reminded us that we had a very successful season, and we

should not let this one game decide the success of the entire season."

It was a very successful season for the Titans indeed. UWO won the WIAC regular season title for the 15th time in program history, and they also made their 11th Sweet 16 appearance in program history.

"We were not projected to go as far as we did in the tournament, and in fact, we were not even projected to be at the top of our conference," Poole said. "We knew this going into the season, and we were determined to prove everyone wrong."

Poole also said that the extra year under their belts for most of the team helped them get better.

The Titans will lose a couple players next season, including their top two scorers this season, Vaile and Kennedy Osterman. However, the Titans will also see a lot of talent return for next season, in-



Kayce Vaile

Career Stats:

87 Games
715 Points
553 Rebounds
48.7% Shooting



Kennedy Osterman

Career Stats:

96 Games
646 Points
328 Rebounds
39.1% Shooting

cluding their third leading in Bridget Froehlke. Froehlke also led the team in scoring for the first two NCAA tournament games.

"We are motivated and we will work hard in the offseason to get us where we need to be," Poole said.

OSG holds debate

By Elijah Plonski
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On March 18th and 19th, students will vote through an e-ballot sent to their university emails to determine who will serve as the next president, and vice president of the Oshkosh Student Government (OSG).

The presidential and vice-presidential debate was on Monday, and all of the candidates received an opportunity to address the student body directly.

The choices on the ballots are Jack Marotz as president, with Brett Einberger as the vice president; and Tyler Cunningham as president, with Burkely Ravenhorst as vice president.

All the candidates have previous OSG experience aside from Ravenhorst; Cunningham served as the College of Business senator for a year, Marotz has been an at-large senator for two, and Einberger has been the Greek Life advocacy senator for one.

Marotz and Einberger said they recognize many issues facing students but that DEI budget restrictions, dwindling student resources and the decreasing enrollment and retention rate were high on their priority list.

"We plan on addressing the lack of student resources due to the recent academic staff layoffs and budget changes to DEI by advocating for student employment in the areas that were affected most," Marotz said.

Cunningham and Ravenhorst said their main issues were the lack of support staff with the university layoffs, unmet accessibility needs, DEI restrictions and a lack of transparency on where funds are going.

Cunningham said: "We are disheartened by this institution discarding our needs to the wayside. Namely, disenfranchising our teachers, destroying our diversity, equity and inclusion and laying off pertinent staff that contribute to the richness of our university."

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Local candidates to join student discussion

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The UW Oshkosh Center for Civic and Community Engagement (CCCE) will offer students the opportunity to meet and learn about candidates in upcoming local elections March 20 in the Reeve Union Memorial Ballroom from 5-7 p.m.

“Students should recognize Oshkosh is a college town, and the student voice in a community like this (especially during elections) really matters,” CCCE Director Mike Lueder said.

Students, faculty, staff and other community members are invited to the open meet and greet for candidates running for Winnebago County Judge, the Oshkosh Common Council, the Oshkosh Area School Board and County Board Districts 16, 19, 20, 21 and 25.

The Q&A session comes less than two weeks before the April 2 spring election.

Lueder said CCCE will help guide the discussion, but he encourages students to ask candidates about subjects relevant to students.

“We will give students a sheet with some suggestions on topics that may be of interest to them, but ultimately this is time for voters to talk directly with candidates about issues that are important to them,” he said.

He said engagement in local elections is just as important as in state-wide or national elections.

“Local races have a bigger impact on people living in that community than people realize, often a bigger impact than the national races,” he said. “Our education students should care who is on the local school board as that group will affect their student teaching placements and future employers. The City Council and the County Board affect the work of agen-

cies like the Public Health Department — something our nursing students should pay attention to. If a business student wants to start a new business in Oshkosh, the people on the City Council and the County Board will matter to them. And if students plan on staying in Oshkosh after they graduate, the investments these groups do (or don’t) make in the city will affect them.”

Lueder said he’s met with many students who are not very knowledgeable about city-level topics.

“I do not know this for sure, but from students I talk with, many of them are not very informed on local issues or local candidates,” he said. “This event gives them the chance to get up to speed on both.”

Bridging the Divide UWO campus representative Devin Heinz said student engagement is comparable to most other community members — low.

“I think UWO students are just as engaged in the upcoming elections as everyone else in the city of Oshkosh,” Heinz said. “Statistics show that local elections historically see the lowest levels of voter participation which falls in line with the limited resources that local candidates have to get their message out to voters.”

Heinz said working to organize events like this helps to build relationships between government officials and community members.

“It’s events like these that help local community leaders to better connect with their constituents,” he said.

Both candidates running for

APRIL

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Spring & Presidential Preference Election

This election contains voting for republican and democratic presidential candidate preferences, circuit court judge, county board of supervisors, school board members and various referendums.

Partisan Primary

AUG

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NOV

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General Election

More info: co.winnebago.wi.us/county-clerk/election-information

Graphic by Josh Lehner

Winnebago county judge, former judge Lakeisha Haase and Michael Rust, will make an appearance to make their case for the April 2 election.

Students will also meet the five candidates running for the three open spots on the Oshkosh Common Council. These candidates are Kristopher Ulrich, Kris Larson, Jacob Floam, Thomas Asuma and DJ Nichols.

Three incumbents of the Oshkosh Area School Board, Kristopher Karns, Chris Wright and Beth Wyman, and one new candidate, Timothy Hess, will vie for the three open positions on the school board.

Candidates running for County Board Districts 16, 19, 20, 21 and

25 will also make an appearance.

Lueder said that if students want to see any sort of change in Oshkosh, they should show up to the polls April 2.

“It is their responsibility to represent the student voice in this community during elections during their time at UWO,” he said. “The city of Oshkosh will invest in items its voters want. If students want certain types of improvements, now is the time to make their collective voices heard.”

Students living on campus can vote at Reeve Memorial Union 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. on April 2. Those living off campus can find their polling location at myvote.wi.gov/Find-My-Polling-Place.

OSG: Improving the student experience

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Cunningham said a vote for him supports the Unity Project, “Standing up for all marginalized peoples, standing up for all workers: professors, instructors, student and non-student workers alike; and demanding top-down transparency.”

Marotz and Einberger are also concerned about the lack of communication, representation and involvement on campus. They want to send out a newsletter to inform students about events, on-campus leadership opportunities and OSG business.

Marotz said, “We plan on sending bi-weekly newsletters about what the OSG has done in the past two weeks, and what we plan on doing in the next two weeks with an attached form to submit your input on recent events or concerns.”

“In terms of amplifying student voices, open office hours need to

be had for students who do not feel comfortable coming forward,” Marotz said.

“I would like to increase on-campus advertising, whether that be through emails, flyers or posters and highlight the importance of student representation and the impact that senators can make,” Einberger said.

While each campaign intends to tackle the lack of student involvement, representation and funding of clubs and organizations across campus, their approaches vary considerably.

Cunningham and Ravenhorst pledge to open a new line of communication with the administration across all areas of student life.

Cunningham said, “We intend to



Marotz



Einberger



Cunningham



Ravenhorst

remedy these inequities by [implementing] a direct line of communication with not only the Oshkosh Student Government, but the administration, the club organizations and the chancellor.”

Marotz and Einberger propose to supplement the staffing shortage by bringing on student employees to assume critical support roles formerly handled by staff.

Einberger said, “We would like to see an increase in the amount of money available to student organizations ... and to bring back some DEI staff posi-

tions in the form of student leaders to restore some of the resources that were lost.”

Both campaigns stand by, ready to support understaffed and underfunded diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) programs, but the ways they propose organizing around that cause couldn’t be any more different.

More information will be provided to students’ university affiliated emails as voting day gets closer while the ballot will be accessible via students’ email on election day.

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News

Legislators push for vote on contraception

By Jacob Link
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Over 15,000 petition signatures from Wisconsin residents demanding the protection of contraception access were delivered to Republican leaders in the State Legislature March 7.

During a press conference, members of the State Legislature pushed for the proposed Right to Contraception Act to be scheduled for a vote before the 2023-24 legislative session concludes this spring.

State Sen. Dianne Hesselbein, a Democrat from Middleton, said there is no time for complacency when it comes to protecting the use of contraceptives.

“With the continued onslaught of attacks on reproductive freedoms throughout the nation, including the Alabama Supreme Court’s shocking ruling on frozen embryos, we must take action to protect contraception access and people’s medical freedom,” Hesselbein said.

The Right to Contraception Act, which was co-sponsored by State Rep. and former Oshkosh Mayor Lori Palmeri, would establish that a person has the statutory right to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception.

The bill would also establish that health care providers have a right to provide contraceptives, contraception and to provide information on contraception.

Although contraceptives and contraception are many times used interchangeably, the bill defines contraceptives as any drug, device or biological product used to prevent pregnancy, while contraception is defined as an action taken to



Dianne Hesselbein



Lisa Subeck

prevent pregnancy, such as sterilization.

State Rep. Lisa Subeck, a Democrat from Madison, said that protection of the use of contraceptives is not a sure thing anymore in light of recent events.

“If the Supreme Court’s ruling overturning *Roe v. Wade* has shown us anything, it is that the fundamental right to privacy we have



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State Legislators pushed the Right to Contraception Act to be scheduled for a vote before the legislative session concludes this spring.

come to expect as Americans is not guaranteed in the face of extremist legislators and activist judges who put their political agenda ahead of our reproductive freedom,” Subeck said. “Contraception is safe, essential healthcare, and access to contraceptive products and services is central to the ability to fully participate in economic and social life.”

Under the Right to Contraception Act, health care providers would not be able to prevent patients from using contraceptives or contraception and would make it illegal to prevent access to contraception, contracep-

tives or information relating to both.

The bill says that state and local governments can’t prohibit or restrict the sale or use of FDA-approved contraceptives and the attorney general has the power to “bring a cause of action for a violation of the provisions of the bill.”

Megan Lowe, an advocate for the Right to Contraception Act, said that to her the issue of contraceptives isn’t a political issue; it’s a personal one.

“The overwhelming public support for contraception reflects the importance of this fight,” Lowe

said. “I urge everyone, especially our legislators, to recognize the urgency of this moment and support the Wisconsin Right to Contraception Act.”

UW Oshkosh students can contact their state legislators to voice their opinions or learn more about the proposed legislation. State Sen. Dan Feyen (R - Fond du Lac) can be reached via email at sen.feyen@legis.wisconsin.gov while Palmeri (D - Oshkosh) can be contacted at rep.palmeri@legis.wisconsin.gov

How UWO students can deal with student loans

You can set yourself up for student loan success after college with these 7 tips

By Candice Wagner

When you embarked on this college adventure, you likely felt relieved that student loans would make it possible for you to achieve your goal of higher education. With graduation on the horizon, you may be feeling anxious as reality sinks in that you’ll need to start paying back the money you borrowed.

Take some deep breaths. We’ll help you get a gameplan going to tackle your student loan debt.

Understand your terms + types

- First off, get clear on:
- what type of student loan you have (federal vs. private)
 - who your lender is
 - what their terms are for your loan and its payback
- This is a good time to lean on your:
- student financial aid office lender
 - financial institution (yes, even if they’re not your loan lender)

Don’t worry about asking multiple questions multiple times. This subject can be complicated and it’s in everyone’s best interest to make sure you understand all the details.



Know your grace period

Most student loans offer a six-month grace period after graduation, but this is not always the case. Find out the grace period on your loan.

Also, watch for interest, which may continue to accrue during this grace period.

If you can, pay some amount towards your loan during your grace period to reduce the amount of interest you pay overall.

Decide on a repayment plan

There are several different types of repayment plans depending on your needs:

- standard repayment
- graduated repayment
- extended repayment
- income-driven repayment
- Be interested in interest

Interest adds up. Be very aware of how interest works on your loan.

Is there capitalization, where any unpaid interest that has accrued during your loan is added to your principal balance? (The principal balance being the original amount of money you borrowed.)

Have interest rates changed? Maybe it’s a good time to consider refinancing. You might be surprised at all the reasons to refinance.

Can you make larger payments than your minimum? Drawing down your loan balance quicker will help save you interest payments in the long run. Play around with a student loan calculator — plug in different scenarios to see what’s possible.

Anytime you can save on interest, take advantage of it!

Don’t forget about that credit score

Don’t let your credit score slide because of your student loans.

If you’re worried about affording your monthly payment, talk to your bank or credit union about a payment plan or refinancing options.

Follow these two hot tips

1. Set up automatic payments for your loan. Avoid the risk of falling behind (and

hurting your credit) by setting up autopay for your monthly loan payment. Your lender may even offer a rate discount for doing so.

2. Pay more than the minimum. Whenever you can, pay more. You’ll shorten the amount of time you’ll be paying back your loan (and decrease your inter-

est). It doesn’t sound fun now, but it will guarantee fun sooner than later.

You’ve made it through rigorous coursework, all-nighters and cringeworthy group projects. You have what it takes to make a success story out of your student loans.

Crime corner

By Jacob Link
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The Oshkosh Police Department arrested a suspect March 8 after responding to a weapons incident on the 1800 block of W. Murdock Ave. in Oshkosh.

At 6:07 p.m., Oshkosh police were notified by residents on West Murdock Avenue that a weapon had been fired in the direction of their homes.

Law enforcement located a suspect vehicle, which fled from officers. Oshkosh police followed the vehicle to a residence where a male was seen entering his home. Officers set a perimeter and later took the male suspect into custody at 6:38 p.m. without incident. Oshkosh police reported that no one was injured and there is no threat to the community.

According to the Oshkosh Police Department, detectives conducted a search warrant and weapons were found at the suspect’s home. The suspect, a 38-year-old male, was transported to the Winnebago County Jail on multiple charges.

If members of the public have any information regarding this incident, they are encouraged to contact the Oshkosh Police Department at 920-236-5700.

Sports



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Londyn Little jumps for fourth place in the long jump at the NCAA Division III Indoor Championship. Little became an All-American in two events at the championship.

Track earns 14 All-America nods

By Owen Larsen
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The UW Oshkosh men’s and women’s track team competed at the NCAA Division III Indoor Championship in Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 8 and 9. The Titans earned 14 All-America honors. Three women’s track and field members combined for four All-America nods while the men’s side captured 10 combined All-America nods from nine team members. One of the biggest highlights from the weekend came on Friday when UWO long jumper Joshua Rivers won the D-III national title in the long jump with a distance of 7.58 meters, the longest jump in program history. Londyn Little also participated in the long jump for the Ti-

tans jumping a distance of 7.23 meters, placing fourth and also earning an All-America nod. Rivers said winning the long jump was an emotional moment for him. “Winning the competition was a surreal experience,” Rivers said. “It was a very emotional moment for me as I pray and hope for moments like this to come and by the grace of God, it did.” Saturday would also be a big day for the men’s team as they would capture eight of their 10 All-America honors. After winning the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title in the high jump, Caleb Cornelius jumped 2.04 meters earning himself All-America honors, tying for third place. Tying Cornelius for third place was Kyle Wisniewski from UWO

who also earned All-America honors. Little would follow his big day on Friday with a program record in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.47 seconds. The previous program record belonged to Little when he ran for a time of 21.65 seconds. Little would achieve his second All-America honor of the weekend while placing third in the event. Davian Willems set a school record in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.71 seconds, besting his previous record of 6.72 seconds and earning second place in the event. Joey Kean ran a time of 6.79 seconds and Danny Vinson ran for 6.85 seconds, earning fifth and sixth place in the event. Willems, Kean and Vinson each earned All-America honors. Charlie Nolan and RJ Bosshart achieved fifth and eighth place

in the heptathlon earning their place as All-Americans. The men’s team finished in third place for the event with 51 points. Fellow WIAC school UW-La Crosse would win the national indoor title with 74 points for the weekend. The women’s side would see Brenna Masloroff earn a spot on All-America on Friday in the 20-pound weight throw with a distance of 18.24 meters, placing seventh in the event. Masloroff would compete in the shot-put the following day and have her second All-American performance of the weekend throwing 14.06 in the event and earning a fifth-place finish. Ameila Lehman was the final All-America finisher for UWO as she ran a 4.54.37 mile for seventh place. This is the second time Lehman has finished as an

All-American after she finished in eighth place in the mile run at the indoor championship in 2023. The women’s team finished in 24th place after finishing the weekend with eight points. The teams will now transition into the outdoor season, where Rivers said there are high hopes all around. “Our team is so talented and work driven, so it is not even a surprise of how great they did and what they are going to do on a week-by-week basis,” Rivers said. “Watch out for our team this outdoor season. We are going to make history again.” The track and field season will continue on April 6 at the UW-La Crosse Ashton May invitational to mark the start of the outdoor season.

Gymnastics wins fourth consecutive WIAC title

By Owen Larsen
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The UW Oshkosh gymnastics team won the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament for the fourth straight year on March 9 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Eight teams competed in the event, the Titans scored 192.875 points for the event, edging out UW-Whitewater’s 192.275 points for the WIAC title. The Titans finished in the top three for all four events, placing first in both the uneven parallel bars and floor exercise. Emily Buffington led the way for UWO in the uneven parallel bars where she set both the program and conference championship record with a score of 9.900. Sam Zeilinger placed seventh in the event for the Titans with a score of 9.700. The Titans would finish the un-

even parallel bars with 48.525 points, which was 0.150 points clear of UW-La Crosse for first place. The floor exercise saw three Titans place in the top nine. Mia Lucero and Delaney Cienkus tied for second place with a score of 9.750, only 0.025 points away from UW-La Crosse’s Rachel Chesley for first place. Jay Ratkowski finished in ninth place with 9.675 points as the Titans finished with a team score of 48.400, tying UW-La Crosse for first place. The vault was the next best event for UWO where they had three gymnasts finish in the top six. Lucero had a score of 9.800 finishing in second place, 0.075 points out from UW-Whitewater’s Kara Welsh for first place. Reanna McGibboney finished in third place with a score of 9.775 and Buffington finished in a tie for sixth place with

9.700 points. The Titans would score 48.375 points for the event for second place, 0.100 points behind UW-La Crosse for first. The Titans finished in third place in the balance beam event with a team score of 47.575. Buffington and Cienkus finished the event with scores of 9.675 and 9.650, earning third and sixth place. The Titans earned an automatic-bid to the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association championship with their WIAC title. UW-Whitewater also earned an automatic bid to the championship for their second-place finish. The NCGA championship will take place at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pennsylvania on March 23 at 1 p.m. where the Titans will seek their third consecutive national championship.



Morgan Feltz / Advance-Titan

Emily Buffington performs her floor exercise earlier this season.



Scoreboard

Thursday, March 7

Baseball
UWO - 13
Saint Mary’s (Minnesota) - 3

Friday, March 8

Basketball
NCAA Tournament 3rd Round
UWO - 59
Smith College (Massachussets) - 61
Baseball
UWO - 4
Mitchell College (Connecticut) - 5

Saturday, March 9

Track and Field
NCAA Indoor Championships
UWO - 14 All-America honors
Baseball
UWO - 10
Buena Vista University (Iowa) - 11
Gymnastics
WIAC Championship
UWO - 1st Place

Sunday, March 10

Baseball
UWO - 10
Salve Regina (Rhode Island) - 21

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 15

Softball
vs. Concordia University Wisconsin
at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. at UW Oshkosh Rec Plex
Wrestling
NCAA Division III National Championship
at 11 a.m. in La Crosse

Saturday, March 16

Baseball
vs. Milikin University (Illinois) at 12 p.m. in Decatur, Illinois
vs. Benedictine University (Illinois) at 3 p.m. in Decatur, Illinois
Wrestling
NCAA Division III National Championship
at 11 a.m. in La Crosse

Sunday, March 17

Baseball
vs. Benedictine University (Illinois) at 11 a.m. in Decatur, Illinois

Tuesday, March 19

Baseball
at Milwaukee School of Engineering at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20

Swim and Dive
NCAA Division III Championship
at 10 a.m. in Greensboro, North Carolina at Greensboro Aquatic

A-Trivia

Women’s basketball has now made __ Sweet 16 appearances

Answer: 11

Baseball drops three of four in Florida

By Owen Larsen
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The UW Oshkosh baseball team played at the Russmatt Baseball Invitational in Auburndale, Florida and Winter Haven, Florida on March 7-10, where they lost three of four games.

The Titans first game was against Saint Mary’s University (Minnesota) with sophomore Aidan Trusky taking the mound for the start in his first appearance of the season.

The Titans found the board first in the bottom of the first inning after a Jack McNamara double was followed by a Zach Taylor single that drove McNamara home giving the Titans a 1-0 lead.

The second inning was headlined by the Titans tallying two more runs. The Titans would load the bases for center fielder Jake Surane, where he hit a single that would bring the Titan lead to 3-0 as Owen Housinger and Brenden Max crossed home plate.

Trusky started the game with three perfect innings until Saint Mary’s hit back-to-back singles to lead off the fourth inning, where the two runners eventually score off an error by Carter Stebane three at-bats later to cut the Titans lead to 3-2.

Surane responded with a solo home run in the bottom of the fourth, getting the Titan lead back to two.

The fifth inning would be when UWO blew the game open. Nick Shiu hit a lead off single then take second base off a passed ball. Shiu advanced to third base on a Stebane sacrifice fly, then score off another passed ball from Saint Mary’s pitcher. After back-to-back singles from Max and Housinger, Jack McKellips hit a three-run home run to make the Titan lead 8-2.

After giving up a run in the top of the sixth inning, UWO jumped on Saint Mary’s again with a two-run home run by Shiu. Max hit an RBI double later in the inning, where he was thrown out at third trying to stretch the hit into a triple.

The Titans scored two more runs in the seventh inning with RBI singles from both Surane and McNamara. This pushed the Titan lead to 13-3 when they called the game after seven innings because of the Titans’ 10-run lead.

Trusky finished the game with 4.1 innings pitched giving up two hits and two runs with two strikeouts, earning his first win of the 2024 campaign. Josh Jansen came in for 2.2 innings of relief where he gave up one run on two hits while tallying two strikeouts.

The Titans took the field again the following day against Mitchell College (Connecticut) with L.J. Waco making his third appearance and second start on the mound this season.

The game started out quiet for both teams until the bottom of the second inning when Mitchell hit a two-RBI double to gain a two run advantage on the Titans.

The Titans finally knotted the game up in the fourth inning with a pair of sacrifice flies from Shiu and Stebane, scoring Mason Kirchberg and McNamara.



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Jack McKellips celebrates with his teammates after hitting a home run in the win versus Saint Mary’s.

With momentum on their side, the Titans took the lead off a RBI single from Kirchberg in the sixth inning. Two at-bats later, Stebane hit a double to right field, scoring Taylor from second base giving the Titans a 4-2 lead.

Mitchell cut the lead to one in the eighth inning, entering the ninth inning, the Titans brought in Brett Gaynor for the save attempt. Mitchell would be able to tie the game at 4-4 after hitting a triple followed by a double in the inning. After giving up the RBI double, Gaynor was able to strand two runners on base with back-to-back strikeouts to send the game into extra innings.

After the Titans failed to pick up a run in the top of the 10th inning, Mitchell’s Xavier Paige hit a lead-off single then steal second base. Kirchberg committed an error with one out in the inning, allowing Paige to score from second base for a walk-off 5-4 win for Mitchell.

The Titans next contest came against Buena Vista University (Iowa) with Connor Brinkman making his third start of the season for the Titans. Brinkman, who had a rough outing in his first start of the season, threw eight scoreless innings and only gave up three hits in his previous start.

However Saturday was a high scoring affair for both sides. The scoring started with back-to-back solo home runs from Kirchberg and Shiu to lead-off the second inning.

Shiu struck again with an RBI single with two outs in the third inning and Stebane would follow with a two-RBI single of his own, giving the Titans a 5-0 lead through three innings.

Buena Vista finally responded in the bottom of the fourth inning against UWO by scoring four runs. That half of the inning included a two-run home run, an RBI single and a RBI fielder’s choice to cut the Titans lead to 5-4. In the bottom of the sixth inning, Buena Vis-

ta knotted the game up at 5-5 after a sacrifice fly.

The Titans broke the tie in the top of the seventh inning when freshman outfielder Logan Schill hit an RBI single that scored Braydon Skenandore from second base after Skenandore’s double. Surane hit an RBI double that scored McKellips from third, but Riley Pfeiffer, who was pinch running for Schill, was thrown out at home plate trying to score from second base, keeping the Titans lead 7-5.

After Buena Vista cut the lead to 7-6 in the seventh inning, the Titans had a big eighth inning. The Titans scored off an RBI single from Shiu, followed by Shiu and Stebane scoring off wild pitches in the inning, giving the Titans a 10-6 lead with only six outs remaining.

The sixth inning was one to forget for the junior right hander, Alex Windey, as Buena Vista would be able to small-ball their way to five runs in the inning, giving Buena Vista an improbable 11-10 advantage heading into the last inning.

After a 3-up, 3-down top of the ninth inning, the Titans fell 11-10, completing Buena Vista’s comeback. Brinkman finished the game with 6.1 innings pitched, six earned runs on 12 hits, seven strikeouts and a no-decision. Windey earned the loss in this contest after giving up five runs in one inning of work.

The final game at the invitational for the Titans came on Sunday against Salve Regina University (Rhode Island) with Connor Walters making his second start of the season for the Titans.

Salve Regina sent a message to Walters and the Titans immediately when Salve Regina hit a lead-off home run in the top of the first inning. Salve Regina proceeded to score two more runs in the top of the second inning to give the Titans a 3-0 deficit to start the contest.

The Titans responded with three runs in the bottom of the second inning off RBIs from Housinger

and Surane. The two sides exchanged a run a piece in the third to give the game a score of 4-4 entering the fourth inning.

In an unforgettable top half of the fourth inning, Salve Regina blew the game wide open. After two singles that brought in a total of three runs, Salve Regina’s Tyler Petrosino stepped to the plate with the bases loaded and delivered with a grand slam. Salve Regina was not done as they were able to follow Petrosino’s grand slam with a solo home run and an RBI single later in the inning, giving Salve Regina a nine-run inning and making their lead 13-4.

Petrosino homered yet again, this time only a solo home run, in the fifth inning to extend the Salve Regina lead to 14-4. The Titans had a great inning at the plate in the fifth inning, scoring three runs thanks to a combination of a fielding error, a wild pitch and an RBI single from Taylor, shrinking the lead to 14-8.

Salve Regina continued to pour it on the Titans in the sixth inning, scoring six more runs off a two-RBI single, a three-run home run and a throwing error. The Titans responded with two runs in the bottom half of the inning to cut the lead to 20-10.

Salve Regina added another run in the seventh inning before the game was called at the end of the inning. Titans lost with a crooked score of 21-10, making their record fall to 4-5 on the season.

Connor Walters earned the loss with 11 earned runs on 12 hits through three innings. Nick Rector and Parker Thompson came in relief giving up seven and three runs each, respectively.

The Titans will return to action in Decatur, Illinois where they will play a game against Millikin University (Illinois) on March 16 and two games against Benedictine University (Illinois) on March 16 and 17.

Arts & Culture

‘It’s never the victim’s fault’

Seminar discusses stereotypes of drug-facilitated sexual assaults

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Reeve Union’s Workshop Wednesdays partnered with Neenah’s Reach Counseling Services to conduct a sexual assault prevention seminar on March 6, shedding light on drug-facilitated sexual violence prevalent in college settings. Through a presentation conducted by advocate Rachel Parbs, students in attendance learned the importance of situational awareness, consent and encouraging victims to reach out for help.

Parbs, an advocate working closely with UW Oshkosh campuses and Lawrence University, led the discussion, emphasizing the role that substances have in inhibiting an individual’s ability to provide consent to sexual activity, and that victims of sexual assault regardless of race, age and gender are never to blame.

“I’ve seen drug facilitated sexual assaults happen to the stereotypical young person in college, but then also to grown men, women—grown humans,” said



Rachel Parbs

Parbs. “So, it really it can happen to anybody, and it’s never the victim’s fault.”

Parbs highlighted commonly used substances facilitated during these assaults, which included everything from recreational drugs like Rohypnol (a common date rape drug) and even other prescription medications such as sleeping aids like Benadryl and anti-anxiety medications. The most overlooked

date rape drug, though, is the one that hides right under the noses of its consumers—alcohol.

“Wisconsin is the number one drinking state, we pride ourselves on it,” Parbs said. “But this is a problem because alcohol is the number one date rape drug since it’s so accessible for people.”

Putting this statement into perspective, Parbs informed attendees of shocking statistics showing that 77% of sexual assaults at UW-Madison’s campus occur when there is alcohol involved. She explained that the highest number of sexual assaults occur during campus “red zones,” which are the first six weeks of every semester.

“When students are coming back to campus or they’re freshmen coming to campus, they have all this freedom, so they’re consuming alcohol since they’ve never tried it or other recreational drugs,” said Parbs. “And so, it’s a time that’s heavily used to take advantage of this situation of new drinkers and young individuals.”

Parbs urged her audience to prioritize receiving clear consent when pursuing sexual activity, as well as forming a safety plan with friends, sharing locations with trusted individuals and the possibility of equipping oneself with an AirTag before taking part in activities away from bars or parties. She also suggested only drinking canned alcohol, using a cup cover, never leaving drinks unattended and refusing beverages from others.

Parbs informed students that if they ever believe they were the victim of a drug-facilitated sexual assault they should contact law enforcement right away, contact Reach Counseling, or receive a Sexual Assault Nurse Exam at a local clinic within 12 to 72 hours of the assault.

“They can test your urine or blood for the drug ... to see if there’s any drugs that you may have ingested that you didn’t know about, but they also can provide other resources,” Parbs said. “So if you have been sexually assaulted, they can provide you with emergency contracep-

tives and medications to prevent STIs.”

Parbs closed out the presentation by speaking about Chanel Miller, a sexual assault survivor and advocate for the well-being of victims who appeared at UWO Wednesday.

She discussed the importance of Miller’s case, which was one of the first publicized cases to highlight the use of alcohol as a date rape drug.

Parbs encourages students to consider the importance of consent in sexual situations, with or without the presence of alcohol or recreational substances.

“Being able to get consent is a choice,” Parbs said. “And it’s the choice that needs to be made every single time you have a sexual interaction regardless of intoxication.”

If you or anyone you know has been a victim of sexual assault, please contact local law enforcement or reach Counseling Services for guidance on what steps to take moving forward.

Creating a safe space, crafts and community

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In the midst of Women’s History Month, one of the goals of the Women’s Center is to bring community to UW Oshkosh. To accomplish this, they hold an event called Crafts, Coffee and Community biweekly on Saturdays from 2 - 4 p.m. UWO students and staff can bond over drinking coffee and making bracelets, sticker collages, Perler bead projects and other crafts.

Crafts, Coffee and Community is an important event to get the community together. Eliza Farrow, the diversity, equity and inclusivity student services coordinator, wants to reach out to people and raise awareness of what goes on at the center.

Farrow said by visiting the center, students at UW Oshkosh can benefit from what the Women’s Center offers, including internships, certificates that connect with women and gender studies and women’s conferences.

“How can we elevate students and do what they need to make their visions a reality?” Farrow said. “It’s about wanting spaces for a community to get together and build connections.”

During Crafts, Coffee and Community, Farrow talked about Go Green, one of the most advertised events at the Women’s Center, which happens a few times a semester. In this student-made event, students can get menstrual products for free and learn about menstruation and environmen-



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Students Katie Castelli and Hannah Lanphear make beaded artwork at Crafts, Coffee and Community at the Women’s Center.

tally and financially sustainable solutions to menstrual hygiene management.

This event is not only crucial during Women’s History Month, but year-round because it relates to women’s health and is an excellent opportunity to build connections within the UWO community.

This event is a safe place for people to come and connect over things they have in common. While making bracelets, Alyssa

Bohn, a sophomore at UW Oshkosh, said, “This center is my third space; be me, be comfortable.”

Even though the center is called the Women’s Center, everyone is welcome. Many community members attend these events because they feel at home and can share their feelings.

For Women’s History Month, Farrow has organized many events, including International Women’s Day tabling, LGBTQ+

Trivia Hour and Safer Sex Ed in the center.

This event is very welcoming to newcomers. Two students, Hannah Lanphear and Katie Castelli, were there for the first time. They made friendship bracelets and vision boards. They said it was a very inviting space where they felt comfortable sharing their difficult experiences on campus.

“I didn’t realize what the Women’s Center had to offer; I

didn’t know about the leadership or the women’s conferences,” Lanphear said.

Crafts, Coffee and Community will be held four more times until the end of the semester: March 22, April 5, April 19 and May 3 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Women’s Center.

If you are interested in joining a welcoming and respectful community or crafting while snacking, this event is for you.

Who is your ‘shero’?

UW Oshkosh celebrates Women’s History Month

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In celebration of International Women’s Day the Women’s Center partnered with Professor Amber Lusvardi’s class Sex, Power and Policy, to make an educational and fun tabling event March 7.

“We worked together to put together this display for International Women’s Day,” Eliza Farrow, the diversity, equity and inclusivity student services coordinator for the Women’s Center, said. “We had talked before the semester started about things that might be good that connect to her class and would be good to pair the students with ... and something that’s Women’s Center related.”

In lieu of only learning their topics in a classroom, Farrow said it’s a much better system to give the students hands-on experience.

“It’s an educational opportunity, and we’re a part of a higher education institution and it’s part of our jobs to help create opportunities and ways for students to get involved outside the classroom,” they said.

UWO student Bianca Vargas said that taking the class Sex, Power and Policy has helped her outside of the classroom.

“Everything we’ve discussed in class has been leading up to this [event] and our professor Dr. Lusvardi has been mentioning how helpful it is for us to go to the Women’s Center,” Vargas said.



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Two students discuss which woman has had the most positive impact on them with Eliza Farrow (right) on March 7.

The tabling event had trivia with questions pertaining to International Women’s Day, and prizes of stickers, candy and friendship bracelets.

The students in Sex, Power and Policy worked together to create everything that was needed for the tabling event, Lusvardi said.

“The students really did all the work for this; they put together all of the goodie bags, they made a whole lot of bracelets, they did all of it and deserve all of the credit,” she said.

Another one of the activities was filling out a sticky note on a “shero” in your life, any woman who’s inspired you or that you look up to. Vargas said her mom was the woman she looked up to the most.

“[My mom] has been through a lot,” Vargas said. “We used to live in a low-income town and we ended up moving to a different city and I got a better opportunity to go to better schools and get a better education. She took a new job for us and everything she does is because of me and my sister.”

The Women’s Center has events planned throughout March. Far-

row encourages people to attend their events and expand their knowledge.

“I put together the Women’s Center calendar, so of course I’m excited about everything,” Farrow said.

To access the calendar of events, visit uwosh.edu/womenscenter/programs/whm/.

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- @wagatwe
- @madeline_pendleton
- @taehungz
- @dylanmulvaney
- @dr.gynae
- @chrissychlapecka

Deep dive Feminism

Feminist Websites

- jezebel.com
- everydayfeminism.com
- crunkfeministcollective.com
- fairygodboss.com
- trustblackwomen.org
- therepproject.org
- bgdblog.org

Opinion

A day or month isn't enough *IWD and WHM should be a year-long fight*



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Last Friday, we celebrated International Women's Day — forged and fought for by the formidable women before us — specifically German activist Clara Zetkin. In 1910, she proposed the idea of an internationally-observed holiday recognizing women at the International Conference of Working Women in Copenhagen.

Although IWD is over, the entire month of March has also been recognized as Women's History Month since 1987 when the idea was lobbied to Congress by the National Women's History Project (NWHP).

Both Zetkin and the NWHP proposed these ideas not only to celebrate women and the work they've done to achieve equality, but also to act as a day where women and men alike can fight for equal rights.

Although the sentiment of thanking your fellow women is

wonderful, I think sometimes we forget that IWD is also about advocating for your fellow women. We can celebrate the work we've done in the past and show our appreciation for women by looking forward to the future and by continuing the fight they started.

Another way to celebrate is by remembering that, although we should be appreciative and grateful, a month and a day "dedicated" to women is not enough. Sometimes I think the government uses these holidays to make our society seem more progressive than it actually is, that it's just tokenage in disguise.

These wonderful observances should not be used as excuses to do the bare minimum. I am incredibly grateful for these holidays, but a month is not enough. The government should be working towards gender equality the whole year. We must be working all year long as well.

An International Women's Day or Women's History Month will never stop feeling bittersweet

until we have equal rights. This facade may work a little, but we all see what's really going on. We see how women's autonomy is constantly being threatened, how we still are only making 84 cents to every dollar a man makes, and how we still have to pay a pink tax on the same body care items as men and for essential products such as pads and tampons that are somehow still taxed as "luxury items".

Just as a present example, Florida has a bill in the works that would prohibit just talking about menstruation.

Yes, we've come a long way, and we've come far enough as women to have our own month to commemorate women's accomplishments and the fight for equality, but we can't stop here. We can't grow complacent or comfortable, not yet. We've come a long way, but we still have farther to go.

Leavitt runs from accountability

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Last weekend, Chancellor Andrew Leavitt responded to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Faculty Senate's vote and petition of no-confidence in leadership decided at the end of last month.

To accommodate for his lengthy defense, Leavitt took to his blog on the UWO website to address every point made against him in the Faculty Senate petition.

The title, "Earning the confidence of future Titans," really sets the tone for the letter. Although it would've been nice for us Titans currently enrolled here at UWO to receive a letter, too, I get why he did it since enrollment and retention rates are down. The Faculty Senate, who called out Leavitt's lack of an enrollment budget, may agree that this is probably too little, too late, unfortunately.

To combat this claim, Leavitt gives four bullet points, all of which can be summarized by the idea that people just don't want to go to college as much anymore. He also adds that this has been a national stressor for the past few years, making me wonder what makes UWO unique in its debt if every other college seems to be dealing with the same thing.

One bullet point states that Oshkosh has many high-paying jobs without degree requirements that deter young people from enrolling at the university. While this is a valid point, I don't believe that this is specific to Oshkosh. As a (partial) resident, Green Bay has a lot of the same opportunities.

If retention and enrollment rates aren't to blame, who, or what, is?

In their petition, the Faculty Senate suggests that it could be due to "significant growth in upper administrative positions and salaries," referring to the unnecessary amount of chancellors UWO had before the layoffs.

Leavitt defends the multitude of interim positions by saying that they were a result of combining Fond du Lac and Fox Cities campuses under the same university. While this does make sense, it still doesn't explain why he didn't cut some of these positions or their salaries sooner, or why he waited until the last minute to do so. Leavitt does say that he "eliminated 21 managerial positions through the layoff process," but I think we can all agree that those positions should have gone well before the first wave of layoffs. Twenty-one in comparison to the total 140 doesn't seem like much, either.

Leavitt also defends this notion, saying that "repeated layoffs would have threatened UWO's competitive posture, year after year. And one might argue such moves would have been inhumane given UWO's previously healthier bank of reserves." Again, while both of these claims have truth, neither are a good enough excuse.

The irony of avoiding repeated layoffs to uphold our competitive position (aka our reputation) in favor of one massive layoff, is that the latter definitely seemed to attract much more attention in the long run. Of course, hindsight is 20/20.

But, if we're going to talk about what's inhumane, I think it's obvious that students losing their favorite staff members and resources all at once is definitely harder to cope with than it would

be to lose them over a span of time.

This was especially tumultuous for diverse members of our student population, who typically need more support and were hit the hardest by layoffs. According to Leavitt, the leaders of UWO human resources conducted a (required) "adverse-impact statistical analysis" to "gauge whether protected groups (by gender, age, race and disability) were discriminated against in the workforce reduction process." According to Leavitt and these results, they would not impact these students. I think most can agree that this is not the case. Those with learning disabilities who depend on accommodations and Project Success are not getting access to the resources they need, and many minority groups have been lumped together as a result of DEI defunding. We are not statistics or numbers, and I wish he had relied on the thoughts and opinions of his students instead of trying to simplify us into a math equation.

We students are not alone, however. Perhaps the most critical and pervasive argument against Leavitt in the Faculty Senate's petition was his lack of "shared governance," specifically in regards to his usage of a consulting firm to discuss layoffs versus consulting those actually impacted by and committed to UWO, namely staff and faculty members. Leavitt admits to doing so, adding that faculty members were consulted during a "September Institutional Realignment Plan workshop." While I applaud this sentiment, I also wonder if the staff members just want to be in the loop on things without having to attend a workshop. Whatever the case may be, there seems

to be some sort of disconnect between the staff and students and the chancellor.

While I don't know why that is, I can make a guess. One common theme I see throughout his response — the title, the lack of accountability and the rationale for some of his (questionable) strategies — is that he seems to be more concerned with image when he should be focused on the people that make up UWO.

As I learned from my organizational communications professor, an organization is not a building or a system. In fact, an organization is nothing without people, and nothing without communication. Maybe it's time we go back to basics and recenter our focus on what really matters.

I can imagine that being a chancellor is hard, and I also have no doubt that it's been challenging with the pressures of inflation and decreasing enrollment rates. But, I also know that almost every other Wisconsin university is dealing with the exact same problems and that we seem to be doing the

worst out of all of them. We don't need excuses or defenses; we need accountability, transparency and communication.

I acknowledge that we haven't always been easy on Leavitt, but it's because we care about this institution and we want it to succeed. This institution that he manages is the one that encourages me and others to be honest and forthcoming, and has also given me the confidence to speak on injustices. This is what I'm doing now. Although we may not align on everything, I know Leavitt wants this institution to succeed, and I also know that this is one thing we can all agree on.

I am not here to dump on Leavitt, but I also refuse to be complacent. I am just here to call out what needs to be changed, whether that means a change in Leavitt's mindset or a change in leadership. Most of us don't want to have to do the latter, so I hope he changes his mind and ours. Moreover, I hope that we can all come together to find a solution for this crisis.

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