

defeats Webster, Trine

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After a tough loss to UW-Stout in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Confernce tournament, the UW Oshkosh Women's basketball team opened up the 2024 NCAA tournament at home with back to back wins to advance to the Sweet 16 over the weekend at Kolf Sports Center.

In UWO's NCAA tournament opener on Friday, they took down undefeated and No. 25 nationally ranked Webster University (Missouri) 57-42. It was a tough matchup for UWO to open up the tournament with but they were able to pull off the win behind 15 points from guard Bridget Froelhke. It was close to start as the Titans were able to build an 11-9 lead at the 4:24 minute mark of the first quarter. However a 10-1 run by UWO broke the game open and were able to build the lead to 21-10 and Oshkosh never allowed their lead to fall to less than eight points most of the night.

The Titans then moved on to the next round where they defeated Trine University (Indiana) 74-48. Trine upset No. 5 ranked Gustavus Adolphus College the night before. It was another blowout for the Titans as they dominated Trine the entire game. Froehlke again led scoring for the Titans with a 25-point game. The Titans shot 63.2% beyond the arch while making 100% of their free throws, they also held the Thunder to an under 30% three point percentage.

In the postgame press conference

The UW Oshkosh women's basketball team celebrates advancing to the Sweet 16 after taking down Trine University March 2.

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Oshkosh advances to Sweet 16

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The UW Oshkosh women's basketball team will take on Smith College (Massachusetts) in Brunswick, Maine on March 8 for the third round of the NCAA tournament, also known as the Sweet Sixteen.

Smith currently sits with a 27-3 record heading into their matchup versus UWO. Smith entered the tournament ranked 14th in the country and defeated Maine Maritime Academy 61-46 in their first round matchup. This was followed by a 69-61 victory over Messiah University (Pennsylvania) in the second so far. round. Both games took place at

Maritime with only eight points, Ruffner would put up 29 points, 13 rebounds and three assists during their second round matchup against Messiah. Ruffner's scoring comes inside primarily as she has only attempted one three-pointer in her past 12 games.

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Graduate forward Sofia Rosa averages 13.7 points per game for Smith this season while also averaging 7.1 rebounds per game. Rosa is listed at 6'2", which makes her the tallest player between the two Davey is the only other Bowdoin teams. Rosa has scored 10 and 11 points in her two tournament games

The winner of the matchup be-Smith's home court in Northamp- tween UWO and Smith will take New England, Davey scored seven on the winner of Bowdoin College (Maine) and Baldwin-Wallace University (Ohio) on March 9.

lowing a quiet game against Maine sachusetts Dartmouth 67-59.

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Junior guard Sydney Jones is the leading scorer for Bowdoin, averaging 16.3 points per game. Jones has scored over 25 points in a game on four separate occasions this season. However, Jones has not met her scoring average in the past three games, scoring 15, 15 and 12 in those contests. Jones leads the team in rebounds, averaging 7.1 per game and having 10 plus rebounds in five of her past seven games.

Sophomore point guard Carly player averaging double figures with 10.1 points per game. After leading the team with 21 points in their first round matchup against Western

loss with a close 59-54 victory over Trinity College (Connecticut) in the first round. Baldwin-Wallace would then face the hosts of their pod, New Paltz University (New York), and pull off a 65-42 upset.

Junior forward Bella Vaillant is the only Baldwin-Wallace player to average over 10 points per game with an average of 10.2. In the first round game against Trinity, Vaillant put up 11 points and 10 rebounds. Vaillant's second round game against New Paltz resulted in her scoring seven points with 11 rebounds.

Junior wing Caely Ressler averaged 9.6 points per game this season for Baldwin-Wallace but has been the team's top scorer for the tournament so far. Ressler put up 14 points and nine rebounds in the victory over Trinity. Ressler would follow that performance with a 20 point outing against New Paltz where she would go 4-for-5 from three. UWO's game against Smith will start the action in Brunswick with tip-off scheduled for 4 p.m. Baldwin-Wallace versus Bowdoin will tip-off after the conclusion of the first game, expected to be around 7:30 p.m. The winner of this sectional will head to Columbus, Ohio to compete in the Final Four.

Courtesy of UWO Athletics

ton, Mass.

Senior guard Ally Yamada leads the offense for Smith. Yamada averages 14.9 points per game on the season, scoring 15 and 17 points in her two tournament games so far. Yamanda is a threat from behind the arc as she made seven three-pointers so far throughout the tournament.

Senior guard Jessie Ruffner leads in many metrics for Smith. Ruffner averages 13.7 points per game and leads the team in field goal percentage (60.6%), assists per game (4.6)and rebounds per game (9.2). Fol-

Bowdoin gets the right to be host of the sectional after their 25-2 regular season and winning the New England Small College Athletic Conference conference tournament, making them the number eight team in the country according to d3hoops. com. Bowdoin also hosted their first and second round matchups on their home court, defeating Western New England University (Massachusetts) 69-48 and University of Mas-

points in their second round game against UMass Dartmouth.

Facing Bowdoin is Baldwin-Wallace, the only unranked team that will play this weekend in Brunswick. Baldwin-Wallace went 20-6 in the regular season with a 16-2 regular season record winning the Ohio Athletic Conference regular season title. Baldwin-Wallace would lose in the OAC semi-finals against Ohio Northern University 57-43.

Baldwin-Wallace would rebound from their conference tournament

Coach Brad Fischer said he was impressed with how the team was able to create their shots in the game.

"If we played 10 times, there probably wouldn't be a game that looked like this," Fischer said.

Now as the Titans shift their gears towards the Sweet 16, they will face off against Smith College (Massachustets) on Friday night (March 8), with tipoff scheduled for 4 p.m. UWO's Sweet 16 game against Smith College will take place in Brunswick, Maine.



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UWO Model UN wins awards in St. Louis

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UW Oshkosh's Model United Nations (MUN) team received high honors at the Midwest Model United Nations competition in St. Louis last month, winning 24 total awards.

The competition featured almost 30 schools representing more than 50 countries. The delegates worked through topics such as nuclear testing, health literacy, disaster risk reduction and informal economies.

The UWO team represented five countries at the conference: Rwanda, Philippines, Tunisia, Norway and Liberia. In total, they passed more than 50 resolutions across a range of topics.

The UWO team won 10 delegate awards and five delegation-wide awards.

Rwanda and the Philippines received Outstanding Delegation Awards - the highest honor. Tunisia and Norway received Distinguished Delegation Awards, and Liberia received an honorable mention.

UWO's delegates also earned nine individual delegate awards in committee: two outstanding delegate awards for Trenton Korth (the Philippines) and Elaina Swafford (Tunisia). There were two honorable mention delegate awards for Sebastian Vang (the Philippines) and Mason Sada (Norway). There were three position paper awards for Elizabeth Tisler (Liberia), Sebastian Vang (the Philippines) and Meg Traska (Rwanda). And there were two delegate's choice awards for Meg Traska (Rwanda) and Soeum Claire Im (Tunisia).

Courtesy of Angela Subulwa The UWO Model UN team poses at the Midwest Model United Nations competition, which was held

Learning the topics, writing position papers, researching countries, practicing public speaking and learning the rules of procedure are all a part of preparation for a conference, Swafford said.

last month in St. Louis.

She also said that, out of the four conferences she'd been to, the St. Louis conference had the most productive and cooperative environment.

"Normally, I've experienced pushback from other delegates and working with a large group that made the writing and editing process longer, but that wasn't the case at St. Louis this year," she said. "Others had similar ideas to what my country, Tunisia, was interested in, so it led to the writing and editing process being quite efficient, but that's not to say there isn't any stress involved. It can get stressful even if you have a great group like I did."

The issues discussed at the

conference reflect real-world problems, and Swafford said that discussing these issues in MUN requires sensitivity.

"Other delegates I've worked with have been impacted by some of the topics we talk about, so I try my best to be empathetic and knowledgeable," she said. "It's important to understand these issues and to know what your country thinks of it, not yourself. It's also important to be accurate about their position and also think about why they would take that stance in comparison to my own. It's been rewarding to learn more about this as I feel I'm more aware of what is happening in the world and how it connects to my personal experiences and how I go about my life."

Swafford said that the awards she and her colleagues won are a reflection of cooperation and hard work.

"In Model United Nations, you win conferences by being inclusive and working together with others from different schools, which is quite different from most sports. Winning in St. Louis continues to prove this to me," she said. "I'm incredibly grateful to those previously on the team as we wouldn't have the opportunities we have without them, and it shows that we've been doing something right in our strategy. Looking forward to New York, I'm hoping our team will be as successful as we were in St. Louis and I hope as an individual I can further develop my leadership skills."

UWO's MUN team is now preparing for the national MUN competition, which will be held between March 23 and 29 in New York City.

EmpowHER event highlights women in business

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Women in businesses spoke out about the hardships they have endured and the path they've followed to get through it at the 2024 We EmpowHER conference on March 2 in Oshkosh.

We EmpowHER, a women empowerment organization that started in 2017, annually features numerous guest speakers, including entrepreneurs, life coaches, executive directors and women in leadership programs. Many community partners like the Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services, Fond du Lac Family Resource Center and ADVOCAP fund We EmpowHER and make it possible to hold free events. Theresa Menting, executive director of We EmpowHER, opened the local event at the Oshkosh Arena by thanking all of the women who attended and discussed We EmpowHER's growth. Menting introduced the keynote speaker, Ali Starr, a high school basketball coach and life coach. Starr shared a story that impacted her. At the end of one basketball season, her team had only won three games. She was distraught and wanted to blame others because she didn't want to be seen as a failure. Then, Starr called her father to let all her frustrations out and get advice. Her father simply told her that as long as they were happy

with how they played and worked as a team, that was all that mattered.

"You showed up and put the work in, but it comes down to how much you want it and how happy you are with the result," Starr said.

Starr said she learned that a way to improve was to be confident and proud of the path you took to get to the position you are in. She asked her players what they thought was best in the games and how they felt they could win. Soon after that, they won confer-





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ence titles and championships. She explained that what you do to create outcomes changes your life, good or bad.

"Stop thinking about how with yourself, and ask for help," Starr said.

We EmowHER included four breakout sessions on productivity, self-discovery, family and relationships and business and leadership.

Alecia Jacobson, a life coach, led the productivity breakout session, discussing how to ignite one's spark and break the backburner cycle. She said women must put themselves first and bring out the real version of themselves that they've buried to please others.

Jacobson shared a story about her divorce and how that affected her life for a while. She said she

Olivia Porter / Advance-Titan you're perceived, be comfortable Life coach Alecia Jacobson talks about women putting themselves first and being the best version of themselves.

didn't want to be perceived as a bad mother because of the divorce and wanted to look strong. With that in mind, Jacobson signed up to teach Sunday school with little kids. After a few weeks, she was ready for it to be over. Whenever she came home from church, she felt drained and stuck with her life. She went through steps that helped her escape her rut and regain her confidence.

Jacobson said there are four steps to take in your life. First, stop caring about what other people think and do something for yourself.

Jacobson told a story about one of the people she was coaching. She said women did everything she wanted to for her career, but she was unhappy with the outcome. For seven years, she'd worked at the job she had always wanted, but at the cost of coming home drained and unhappy. The woman felt guilty about leaving the job or speaking out because this is what she worked for and put her money in for. Jacobson said the woman thought she was

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News Former UWO director settles with UW System

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Former UW Oshkosh affirmative action director Brian Xiong reached a \$200,000 settlement with the Universities of Wisconsin Board of Regents out of court after Xiong appealed the case to the Seventh Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals.

Xiong said while he settled the case with the Board of Regents in September 2023, he still feels trauma from the court case six months later

"[The court case] was very stressful," Xiong said. "To go through [the appeals process], you know, and to have to relive my life, what happened at UW Oshkosh, when you have to relive the discrimination at the university, it was very stressful."

Xiong sued the Board of Regents for discrimination and retaliation under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 after he was fired from UWO in 2019. Court documents show that Xiong sued the Board of Regents in 2020 because he alleged the university discriminated against him on the basis of race and national origin, and retaliated against him when he complained about race discrimination in UWO's hiring practices.

The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin originally ruled in favor of the Board of Regents in February 2022 because Xiong "failed to proffer sufficient evidence from which a reasonable jury could find discrimination or retaliation."

Xiong said he was hoping that the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin would see the situation he had to endure at UWO.

"I feel like the judge did not carefully look over all the documents and see the point that I tried [to make]," Xiong said. "I knew I had to go through the federal court system and had to wait to have them review the case."

Xiong filed an appeal with the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and the court issued an opinion and order document Sept. 1, 2023, that agreed to hear the case. In the document the court said while it ruled in favor of the Board of Re-

gents on most of Xiong's claims, the Seventh Circuit reversed and reprimanded the previous decision on the retaliation claim.

Xiong said he was glad that the federal judge in the higher court understood the situation he was in while working at UWO.

"You know, you try to do everything right, and I was trained in diversity," Xiong said. "I was mentored by a Supreme Court judge in the state of Minnesota, and I know

what I'm doing. You do the right things, Ι do exactly what the books say, and I do what I am supposed to do, and I do my job, and then I

was a very depressing moment in my life for me."

Before the Seventh Circuit Court could make a decision on the case, the Board of Regents opted for the settlement to dismiss the suit.

"This decision is in the best interest of UW Oshkosh, and it brings the matter to a close," UW Oshkosh spokesperson Alex Hummel said in a statement to the Oshkosh Northwestern Dec. 28, 2023.

Xiong said members of the Hmong community and his attorney wanted him to fight the case all the way to trial.

"There is a very high chance we [would've] won the case," Xiong said. "But then because of my depression, and then the COVID-19 pandemic, we lost those three, four years, I just decided that I just didn't want to relive everything over and over and over again. I made the decision to settle because I told my attorney that the trial will be really mentally [and] physically draining and I just don't have the energy to go through the trial and then have to deal with this."

Xiong said he gave the money from the settlement back to his community.

"I helped students purchase books that help them to know how to write their story, what they're

going through, whether in higher education or any school," Xiong said. "I wanted to show students that you still have a voice. And if something's not right, you should speak up.'

Xiong said even though he was trained and has a doctorate degree in counselor education and supervision, UWO administrators had no confidence in his abilities.

"They just didn't listen to me," Xiong said. "I believe that if we could have worked together, we could've had a better outcome. The [administrators] just think that they know everything, and they just decided it was better to fire me. Why did they fire me? I just did my job. Look at our pattern of discrimination [at UWO]. There are a lot of, you know, illegal practices here on campus."

According to the court opinion and order, this surprised Kuether as no performance improvement plan existed and this was "not typically how [UWO] does business in terms of performance concerns."

According to court documents, Xiong's position was filled by a white man Aug. 27, 2019. After Xiong's termination, the UW System began providing legal investigators to campuses to help with investigatory reports, which Xiong said he never had the support from. However, the defendant disputed this, asserting that UWO offered Xiong similar support.

Xiong said usually new employees are welcomed into their new jobs, but he never felt that way when he was hired at UWO.

"They usually treat you so nice," Xiong said. "But [administrators] made me feel so bad it's like you're a criminal. And that's why I told my son 'No. Never again. Never UW Oshkosh.""

Xiong said that he eventually plans to go back to working in education.

"My long-term goal is to be a provost because I started my career with teaching," Xiong said. "Throughout my career, I have always wanted to make sure that you know, everyone is being treated equally. I just want to give back to my community and support students where I can, and to begin to heal from what happened to me at UWO."



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From left to right: Pa Lee Moua, Kelly Northlee, Wendy Babcock and Kim Eschenbauch.

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too selfish to change her career.

Secondly, Jacobson said to believe in yourself. She said you have to honestly think that this is what you want for yourself and that you are ready to make decisions that will change your path for the better.

Priority is the third step. The decision to make a change is a challenge you should focus on overcoming. The last step is taking action, being consistent when prioritizing it. Jacobson said you have the right to say no when you set the boundaries. Also, you need to be comfortable recognizing that getting used to putting yourself first may take a while.

Another session featured women in business professionals panel. The panel included Kim Eschenbauch, a mindfulness and strength practitioner at Gallop; Wendy Babcock, a life coach; Kelly Northlee, a real estate agent and entrepreneur and Pa Lee Moua, executive director for

the Institution for Leadership. A participant asked for advice for networking events.

"Know that you're connecting with other people just like they want to do with you," Eschenbauch said. "It's about sharing, learning, and building those strong connections for the business.'

Moua added, "Keep an open mind; other people are nervous to talk with others, but you are networking for a reason.'

Another participant asked the panelists what fuels their passions and careers.

"Passion is who you are," Babcock said.

"There are people you meet who can inspire and motivate you. You have to watch for people that drain you and what drain you," Moua added. "Life-long learning, building communities, finding supportive outlets. Fitting in is a fantasy; being somewhere your voice is heard because you are always changing and evolving."

Wisconsin's strange 2024 weather

Since the start of 2024, the DNR has tracked more than 50 fires that have burned 160 acres.



Background on Xiong and the Board of Regents (2023)

- According to court documents, Brian Xiong's boss, Shawna Kuether, had little experience in affirmative action, and this was the first time she would supervise a director-level employee. In addition, Kuether obtained her first affirmative action certification after Xiong was terminated.
- Xiong argued from the start of his employment at UWO that he experienced "severe resistance to his work, whereby his job performance was unfairly scrutinized, and he was micromanaged by human resources."
- Xiong completed his first and last investigatory report in December 2018. According to the plaintiff's brief, his report, which mirrored the structure of those that were submitted by his predecessors, was received by Kuether who felt it was insufficient because it contained grammatical errors and lacked the type of analysis UWO looked for relating to investigatory reports.
- The plaintiff's brief given to the court said that the report did in fact bring justification to the violation of a policy and his "grammatical errors" related to the fact that English is his second language, with Hmong being his first language.
- Kuether, Leavitt and Chief of Staff Kate McQuillan all kept their concerns about the report to themselves and did not follow up with Xiong. No one brought a concern about the grammatical errors to his attention or gave him feedback on the report at any time during his employment. Kuether further characterized him as not a "good fit" and someone who did not "understand his role."
- On March 7, 2019, Leavitt and UWO Vice Chancellor James Fletcher were in Madison for a Board of Regents meeting. They met with Vice Chancellor for University Affairs Robert Roberts to discuss Xiong's employment. After Kuether took her draft performance review responses, Fletcher decided to terminate Xiong March 12, 2019

For comparison...

The 10-year average over the same period is three wildfires burning two acres.

Dry and dead vegetation, in addition to warm temperatures, gusty winds and low humidity have contributed to the fires.

The DNR is asking Wisconsin residents to avoid outdoor burning and recommends discarding hot ashes into a metal container until they cool down.

Sports



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Pitcher Mia Crotty winds up for a pitch during the Titans 8-0 victory over Ripon College. Crotty threw four no-hit innings while only walking one batter.

Crotty and Bougie combine for no-hitter

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After starting off the 2024 season with a sweep in a doubleheader over Lakeland University, the UW Oshkosh softball team were able to extend their undefeated start with a sweep over UW-Superior and Loras College (Iowa) on Saturday (March 2). and Edgewood College and Ripon College on Sunday (March 3).

In the game against UW-Superior, Abby Freismuth made

her second start of the season for the Titans. In her four innings of work, she held the Yellowjackets to three hits and a run score with two strikeouts. UWO held a 2-1 lead for most of the day until the seventh inning. Since the Titans batted first in the game, they got a chance to bat in the seventh and that's when they blew the game open.

RBIs by Hannah Ritter, Morgan Rau and a Sophie Wery RBI single extended the Titans lead, as they closed out the Yellowjackets with a 5-1 win.

In game two vs Loras College, UWO won 6-0 behind a complete game shutout from Sydney Nemetz. She struck out eight batters while allowing just three hits and a walk.

Right away the offense blew it open. In the first inning with the bases loaded, Rau cleared the bases with a double, bringing Ritter, Sydney Rau and Abby Garceau across home plate.

UWO had another multi run inning in the third as Brianna

Davis and Morgan Miller each had an RBI groundout.

Sunday was more domination for the Titans, as UWO swept Edgewood College and Ripon College with 12-0 and 8-0 wins. Both games went five innings. In their game versus Edgewood, the Titans had a two-run third inning and followed it up with back to back five-run innings in the fourth and fifth innings.

A 3-for-3 and four RBI game by Ritter and another complete game by Nemetz helped the Titans dominate the Eagles. In the second game of the Sunday doubleheader, Mia Crotty and Brianna Bougie pitched a combined no hitter, the 12th in program history. They allowed a total of just one walk and five strikeouts.

The Titans will have one more doubleheader at the Rec Plex this weekend as they will face off against Concordia University Wisconsin on Friday (March 15). The first pitch for game one will be at 3 p.m. and game two will start at 5 p.m.

23 track members qualify for championship

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Nineteen members of the UW Oshkosh men's track and field team and four members of the women's team qualified for the NCAA Division III championships in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Five members from the men's team qualified for the heptathlon, RJ Bosshart, Cavan Dobberstein, Charlie Nolan, Aden Sears and Payton White. The five qualifiers make UWO have the most qualifiers for a single event in this year's



Indoor Championship qualifiers:

Charlie Nolan - So. Aden Sears - Jr. RJ Bosshart - Sr. Cavan Dobberstein - Fr. Payton White - Sr. Davian Willems - So. Danny Vinson - Jr. Joey Kean - Sr. Ray Talbert - Jr.

championship.

Junior high jumper Caleb Cornelius qualified for the NCAA championships with his performance at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship, where he would win the high jump for the third consecutive year.

Cornelius is the highest ranked high jump competitor heading into the championship. Cornelius placed 17th in the NCAA high jump indoor championship his freshman year and third place his sophomore year. Nolan and freshman Kyle Wisniewski will be joining Cornelius for UWO in the event.

Senior long jumper Joshua Rivers will be heading to the NCAA indoor championships for the first time after winning the WIAC long jump championship. Rivers is the Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Amelia Lehman runs during an event at UW-Whitewater. Lehman qualified for the mile run.

highest ranked competitor for the long jump and will be joined by Londyn Little and Caleb Wright in the event. Rivers made it to the NCAA outdoor championships during his freshman year in 2021 where he would place eighth in the long jump.

The Titans will have four competitors for the 60-meter dash with Davian Willems, Danny Vinson, Joey Kean and Ray Talbert heading to Virginia Beach.

Other qualifiers for the men's team include Rashaad Henderson in the 200-meter dash where he

will be joined by Little. Dwight Honsi will compete in the 800-meter dash and Sears also qualified for the 60-meter hurdles. Isaiah Isom qualified for shot put, JV Myles qualified for the triple jump and Zach Zirgibel qualified for the pole vault.

The four qualifiers for the women's team are Amelia Lehman, Brenna Masloroff, Cyna Madigan and Megan Hunt.

Lehman qualified for the mile run and Madigan qualified for the 800-meter dash. Masloroff qualified for two events in the shot put and 20lb weight throw, while Hunt qualified for two events herself in both the pentathlon and long jump. Masloroff will be making her third appearance at the indoor championships. Masloroff has qualified for both events the past two years. She placed 19th in shot put and 10th in the weight throw in 2022 and 15th in shot put and ninth in the weight throw in 2023.

The NCAA indoor championship will take place on March 8 and 9 at the Virginia Beach Sports Center with events starting at 10 a.m. Friday. Caleb Cornelius - Jr. Kyle Wisniewski - Fr. Joshua Rivers - Sr. Londyn Little - Jr. Caleb Wright - So. Rashaad Henderson - Sr. Dwight Hosni - Jr. Zach Zirgibel - Jr. JV Myles - Fr. Isaiah Isom - So. Brenna Masloroff - Sr. Megan Hunt - Jr. Cyna Madigan - Jr. Amelia Lehman - Jr.

Sports Baseball splits four games **By Owen Larsen**

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Gymnastics UWO - 193.225 UW-La Crosse - 191.825 UW-Stout - 189.300

Friday, March 1

Basketball NCAA Tournament 1st Round UWO - 57 Webster University (Missouri) - 42 Baseball UWO - 11 Webster University-1

Saturday, March 2 Basketball

NCAA Tournament 2nd Round UWO - 74 Trine University (Indiana) - 48 **Baseball** Game 1 UWO - 3 North Park University (Illinois)-0 Game 2 UWO - 3 Webster University - 8 Softball Game 1 UWO - 5 UW-Superior - 1 Game 2 UWO - 6 Loras College (Iowa) -0

Sunday, March 3

Baseball UWO - 5 Webster University - 12 Softball Game 1 UWO - 12 Edgewood College - 0 Game 2 UWO - 8 Loras College - 0

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March. 7 Baseball

vs. Saint Mary's University (Minnesota) at 1:30 p.m. in Auburndale, Florida

Friday, March 8 Basketball

NCAA Tournament 3rd round vs. Smith College (Massachussets) 4:30 p.m. in Brunswick, Maine

The UW Oshkosh baseball team split four games over the weekend with wins over both Webster University (Missouri) and North Park University (Illinois) on March 2 and 3 and losses in their rematch against both on March 3 and 4.

The weekend started for the Titans with a matchup versus Webster with pitcher LJ Waco getting the start on the mound.

The Titans would start out hot in the second inning with Carter Stebane hitting an RBI triple, scoring Mason Kirchberg from first base. The following at-bat, Brenden Max would belt the Titans' first home run of the season over the center field wall to extend their lead to 3-0.

After scoring one run in both the third and fourth innings pushing their lead to 5-0, Max would continue his big day in the fifth inning with a two-RBI single to extend the Titans lead to a commanding 7-0. The Titans would score one run again in the sixth inning.

Webster would finally get their first run on the board in the bottom of the sixth inning when Webster's James Theodore hit a lead-off triple then scored off an error from UWO's Kirchberg in the next at-bat. The Titans would respond to the trouble quickly by forcing a double play in the next at-bat, followed by Waco striking the next batter out, fourth strikeout of the game.

The Titans would cap off their explosive day at the plate in the seventh inning. Max would strike once again with an RBI single, making him 4-for-4 on the day with five RBIs. Oshkosh's Owen Housinger would tally an RBI on a fielder's choice, scoring Stebane from third. Max would close the scoring for the inning by crossing home plate off a balk, extending

UWO's lead to 11-1. Waco would pitch a scoreless seventh inning and the game would be called with the Titans holding a 10-run lead. Waco finished with a seven-inning complete game with six hits allowed, one earned run, four strikeouts and no walks.

The Titans would take the field three runs in the first inning one two batters in a row, hitting the again on Saturday versus North next batter, then walking home of which came in on an error and Park, where Conor Brinkman another off a passed ball. Webster a run. Brett Gaynor would then



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Titans pitcher, LJ Waco, throws a pitch against Webster University in their 11-1 win on Friday.

made his second start of the season following a rough first outing. The scoring would start right away for the Titans with Zach Taylor hitting a sacrifice fly to left field, scoring Jake Surane from third. Later in the inning, Bravdon Skenandore hit an RBI single to center field, scoring Mason Kirchberg from second base following his double in the previous at-bat, giving the Titans a 2-0 lead after the first inning.

The Titans would find an insurance run in the third inning when Jack McNamara had an RBI fielder's choice that brought Surane across the plate for the second time in the game, extending the lead to 3-0.

The rest of the game was highlighted by a Brinkman's bounceback performance. Brinkman would pitch eight innings giving up zero runs, allowing three hits, walking two batters and striking out nine. Josh Jansen would come in the game in the ninth inning and secure his first save of the season, capping the Titans 3-0 victory.

The Titans would continue play on Saturday with a second game against Webster. This time around, the script was flipped.

would end shortly after quickly Webster would jump on Titans starter Connor Walters with recording an out and then walking

would score on a sacrifice fly in the second inning to push their lead to 4-0.

The Titans would respond with a big third inning that included RBI singles by both Surane and Taylor. Housinger would ground into a double-play in the fourth inning while also driving home a run, cutting the Webster lead to 4-3.

However, that is all the Titans would respond with as Webster would score three more runs off Walters in the bottom of the fourth inning, and Webster would score an insurance run in the seventh inning by successfully stealing home plate.

The Titans would lose by a score of 8-3. Walter finished the game with four innings pitched, seven runs with five being earned, two strikeouts and no walks.

The Titans final game of the weekend took place on Sunday where they took on North Park for the second time.

Jansen would get the start for the Titans. This was Jansen's second appearance of the season after getting the save versus North Park the day prior.

Jansen's day on the mound

come in to replace Jansen after only facing the first five batters of the contest.

Gaynor would be able to hold North Park to only one additional run that inning, giving North Park a 2-0 lead.

No runs would be scored until UWO put up two runs in the fourth inning to knot the game up at 2-2 with RBIs from Taylor and Kirchberg.

The rest of the game would end up being controlled by North Park as they would build an 8-2 lead heading into the eighth inning. The Titans would show some fight in the top of the eighth inning, cutting the lead to 8-5 after RBIs from McNamara, Taylor and Kirchberg. North Park would erase the Titans attempt at a comeback by scoring four runs in the bottom of the eighth inning, extending their lead to 12-5, ultimately the final score. The Titans now hold a record of 3-2

The Titans will head to the Russmatt Baseball Invitational in Auburndale, Florida where they will play four games against Saint Mary's College (Minnesota), Mitchell College (Connecticut), Buena Vista University (Iowa) and Salve Regina University (Rhode Island) March 7-10 at the Lake Myrtle Sports Complex.

Track and Field NCAA Indoor Championship at 9 a.m. in Virginia Beach, Virginia **Baseball**

vs. Mitchell College (Connecticut) at 8 a.m. in Winter Haven, Florida Saturday, March 9

Basketball

NCAA Tournament 4th round (if UWO win Friday)

vs Bowdoin (Maine)/ Baldwin-Wallace (Ohio) at 4:30 p.m. in Brunswick, Maine

Gymnastics

WIAC Championship at 2 p.m. in St. Paul, Minnesota **Baseball**

vs. Buena Vista University (Iowa) at 8:15 a.m. in Auburndale, Florida **Track and Field**

NCAA Indoor Championship at 9 a.m. in Virginia Beach, Virginia

O gymnastics win triangular event

By Owen Larsen larsenow07@uwosh.edu

The UW Oshkosh gymnastics team closed the regular season with a victory over UW-La Crosse and UW-Stout in a home triangular event, scoring 193.225 points in the contest.

The Titans claimed victory in the uneven parallel bars and floor exercise during the triangular.

The floor exercise resulted in the highest score for UWO during the triangular with a total of 48.925 points, a new program record and the second time they broke the record this season. Leading the Titans were Aleah Radojevich, Delaney Cienkus and Jay Ratkowski all

scoring 9.800, resulting in a fourway tie for first place with Claire Robbins from UW-La Crosse.

The Titans won the uneven parallel bars with a score of 48.250, edging out UW-La Crosse by a margin of 1.375 points. While Rachel Chesley of UW-La Crosse took first place in the event, Emily Buffington, Kaylie Berens and Reanna McGibboney took second through fourth place for UWO.

UWO scored 48.100 in the balance beam taking second place with UW-La Crosse taking first place by only a .100 margin. The Titans' Liz Romano took first place individually scoring 9.800, with Anna Zoromski taking fourth place for UWO with a score of 9.675.

The vault resulted in the lowest score for the Titans during the triangular with a score of 47.950. Mia Lucero was the only Titan to place in the top 5 during the event, scoring a 9.700 and earning second place.

The triangular only included two all-around performers for the three teams, Buffington scored 38.100 all-around, outscoring UW-Stout's Gillian Cummins by .425 for the highest score.

The Titans will compete at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship in Hamline, Minnesota on March 9 where UWO will look to secure their fourth consecutive WIAC title.

WIAC gymnastics standings: 1. UW-Oshkosh 7-0

2. UW-La Crosse 7-1

3. UW-Whitewater 6-3

4. UW-Stout 6-4

5. UW-Eau Claire 3-4

6. Gustavus-Adolphus 3-5

7. Winona State 1-7

8. Hamline 0-10

Arts & Culture

'Bridge Work' art gallery opens

By Angela Satterlee sattea08@uwosh.edu

The Allen Priebe Gallery's new exhibition, "Bridge Work," opened Feb. 29 and features six different artists' work: Julia Bradfish, Ellie Garry, Margaret Griffin, Taj Matumbi, Elizabeth Sheeler and Hannah Stevenson.

The six spoke about their eras as artists and showed some of their past and present works in the Arts and Communications building on the opening day.

"Bridge Work" and the Plum Blossom Initiative are seeking out recently graduated students with a bachelor's degree in arts (BA) or fine arts (BFA) and trying to help them develop professionally. All six of these artists are just a few years into professional work after college.

Julia Bradfish

Bradfish received her BFA from the UW-Milwaukee and focuses on painting and drawing. She said she discovered a love for collages so she paints very abstract collage art.

"I started off very detail-based," Bradfish said. "I loved to show off my technical abilities, but then I realized and a lot of my instructors said that's why the camera is made" So I had to rethink how I wanted to express myself as an artist, and I started to collage."

She plays with color, texture, line weight, opacities and different shapes in all of her works to edit the more refined drawing work into a new piece with paint.

As Bradfish continued her craft she began to stray further and further away from the reference.

"For the 'Bridge Work' work, I wanted to try something new and explore the 3-D realm instead of sticking to that 2-D reference," she said.

Ellie Garry

Garry graduated from the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design (MIAD), but before going to college, she was strictly a photographer.

[Photography's] "something that's always going to be my first impulse in my practice," she said. "It's the way I see the world and I like to have that close relationto think of my sculptures as besual vocabulary and when I got to grad school, my professor said ings and representations of my-'you need to break away from that and stop using them' so I started integrating things from my child-Griffin also attended MIAD hood," Matumbi said. and her art in "Bridge Work" is ti-

After taking an African American history course, Matumbi started drawing inspiration from his past and from many different artists.

"Those [stencils] were my vi-

"I started thinking about my history as a biracial person and my [ideas] from African American painters," he said. "Thinking of children from the Jim Crow era and how Black children were treated from the 1800s up until now and the parallels. The idea of black magic and African Americans being viewed historically as mischievous are all types of things I think about in my work."

During the COVID lockdown he began drawing more and created work for his thesis show titled Self Portrait Between Parallel Planes.



A student admires an abstract piece from Julia Bradfish from the "Bridge Work" collection.

from the center and was told to find her way back using the rest of her senses. She did just that.

"This experience was one of the big moments I had at the training center that made me realize that my blindness wasn't such

edness is what led her to create the art she makes now. She used to create pretty art that she was uninspired by and had it shown in the Michigan Legislature.

"It was at that moment that I realized that no amount of external validation that I would get from this body of work would make me feel fulfilled, and that I needed to make a shift," she said.

Photos by Angela Satterlee / Advance-Titan

Two students visit the new exhibition "Bridge Work" in the Allen Priebe Gallery and enjoy a sculpture by artist Ellie Garry.



ship looking at very specific moments."

Over her time at MIAD she made a switch to art that allowed her to work with her hands and got into soft sculpture with a piece titled "Boa Worm."

["Boa Worm"] "was my first dabling into that world of soft sculpture," she said. "Trying to show that idea of comfort ... with a snake-like creature."

Garry said that mixing soft pieces with harder pieces was an important change she made to her art. She mainly joined metal from welding into art with fabrics, showcasing that work in a senior showing titled "Echo Bloom."

"I really like to show both the hard and the soft aspects of life," she said. "And how they both have to exist together and show her job working at Kohler Co., led her to her art for "Bridge Work": an iron piece of two molded work gloves.

that appreciation for both. I like

tled "Body X Industry." It focus-

es on how the body and industrial

and the blue-collar job that she

watched him go to everyday.

an industrial worksite.

figures," Griffin said.

Griffin's inspiration is her dad

She wanted to focus on bring-

ing in a softness to compliment

the rigid figures that are meant to

represent the dangerous zones of

"I began [asking] how do I

break down these industrious

materials and reorder them in a

way that fits into our [natural]

position, as vulnerable and at-risk

This thought process as well as

work sites work together.

self."

Margaret Griffin

"I had the opportunity of being an artist's assistant to Nirmal Raja at the Kohler headquarters in Chicago in their cast iron devison," she said. "And I had the opportunity to make pieces as well."

Taj Matumbi

Matumbi earned his BFA in painting and ceramics from Southeast Iowa School of Art. Most of the art making was process based and less about preconceived concepts.

His abstract boot series is the artwork he ended undergraduate school with. He used his own premade stencils, in almost every piece.

"[The drawings] get at the idea of being a person of color in mostly white environments and the code switching you have to do," Matumbi said.

Elizabeth Sheeler

Sheeler is a blind artist and attended the Louisiana Center for the Blind a few years ago. She said the center gave her the confidence she needed to continue her art

"Before I went to this training center, I had made work that had talked about my blindness, but I was really insecure about my blindness," she said.

Sheeler was dropped off at an unknown location 30 miles away

a hindrance," she said.

The artwork Sheeler has in "Bridge Work" is a composition of the traffic at the intersection she listened to, to find her way back to the center.

"I wanted an intersection that was personal to that experience, so I actually went to Louisiana and recorded the intersection of one of the [defining] moments to that experience," she said.

Hannah Stevenson

Stevenson's art collection in "Bridge Work" is titled "Object of Desire." It's inspired by the relationship between women and cats.

Stevenson came from a small town in Michigan and she said being surrounded by narrow-mind-

The most important thing that led to Stevenson changing the trajectory of her work was getting her cat.

"Having a cat made me think about the relationship between cats and women, both linguistically especially with female genitalia and with stereotypes like the crazy cat lady," she said.

She takes cat hair and her love for quilting and sewing and combines the two into artwork to make an impactful art piece.

The "Bridge Work" exhibit featuring the six artists will be on display until March 21.

UWO celebrates the conclusion of Black History Month

By Angela Satterlee sattea08@uwosh.edu

To finish celebrating Black History Month there was a fun night of jazz music and good food in the Culver Family Welcome Center Feb. 29. The event featured jazz musician Sam Belton and social change activist Maurice "Moe" Wince.

The event was sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, African American Studies, Black Student Union, Leaders Igniting Transformation, Intercollegiate Athletics and the Center for Student Success and Belonging.

Maurice Wince is a proud distinguished UW Oshkosh alumnus awardee and a "beacon of positive social change" in Milwaukee. He is also the owner of Sherman Park Grocery Store, the event's caterer.

"I'm proud to be here to support the last day of Black History Month with food and fellowship not programming, just food and fellowship," he said. The crowd at the event was much larger than expected.

"We were amazed with the turnout. Amazed, humbled and appreciative that folks came out to kind of support this event," Wince said.

Josiah "Jojo" Benjamin is the president of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and a senior, majoring in human service leadership with a minor in African American studies.

"We appreciate everyone who came out," he said. [The event] "was supposed to be for four hours, but all the food was gone within an hour. We served over 200 people."

Phyllip McKnight-Donald, treasurer of the African American Studies club, was at the event with other members of the club to advertise being an African American Studies minor and simply being a part of what the other organizations are producing.

"We've been doing Black History Month events all February...



Angela Satterlee / Advance-Titan

Three musicians set the tone for a fun night of soul food and jazz music at the Culver Family Welcome Center Feb. 29 to finish celebrating Black History Month.

and this is our last event of the month," McKnight-Donald said. "Our advisor, professor Alphonso Simpson was in cahoots with all the other Black organizations on campus and with the people catering this event."

The event overall was an aston-

ishing accomplishment from all of the organizations involved.



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Opinion



Letter to the Editor: **Campus not safe**

By Collin Miller millerco93@uwosh.edu

As a student at UW Oshkosh, I have noticed that the safety at or near the campus isn't the best. I believe that a college's number one priority should be safety. There have been many crime incidents at or near the campus during the time I've spent at the University of Oshkosh and this is only my first year attending this college.

An article I read from College Factual about the crime and safety incidents at University of Oshkosh in 2019 just absolutely shocked and overwhelmed me. This article stated that "in 2019, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh reported 786 incidents related to crime and safety that involved students at or near campus or on other properties associated with the school".

I have also seen many crime and safety incidents recently around campus myself. This week Monday there was an incident right outside of Fletcher Hall. At the time, I was just walking to Fletcher to work on some homework with one of my buddies. That is when I saw four or five cops pointing guns at a man right outside of Cherry Street Apartments behind Fletcher Hall. When I saw this, my stomach dropped and suddenly I had butterflies in my stomach. I felt very uncomfortable and unsafe at the time because I would never expect this to happen right outside Fletcher Hall or any hall at UWO.

Looking at some of the statistics that I have found in articles and from what I have seen myself on campus, it has made me believe that there needs to be more safety precautions on the University of Oshkosh's campus. I think that once the crime rate is down, more students will feel comfortable walking around campus and surrounding areas without having to stress about their safety being threatened.

Beware of hookup culture

Is your situationship ruining your mental health?

By Cassidy Johnson johnsonca51@uwosh.edu

For decades, college has been infamous for its hookup culture. The popular consensus seems to be that college is where you explore your sexuality. This hookup culture can look like excessive dating app usage, frequent onenight stands and/or While exploring who you are and what you're into isn't necessarily a bad thing, it's easy to get carried away with hookup culture because it's so prevalent and normalized.

I remember being a freshman and feeling pressured to join in, to find a random guy at the party to go home with. Part of the pressure was not wanting to be excluded, but also because this behavior was incentivized.

Friends with crazy hookup stories were glorified and even rewarded by other friends, and those with lower "body counts" were made to feel ostracized.

This culture alone has a negative impact on all college students, but the implications of it are even worse. Beyond the very serious physical health risks of STDs, STIs and pregnancy, participation in hookup culture has a negative impact on your mental health as well.

Whether you believe in soul ties or not, you are exchanging energy and engaging in a very intimate activity with somebody who doesn't care about you. You may have heard of the law of conservation, which says energy cannot be created or destroyed. That means that this energy you exchanged with a stranger sticks with you.

This may be the reason you can't seem to get them off your mind, why your energy feels drained or why you feel empty or used afterwards.

Feeling used can be dehumanizing; it makes you feel like an object. When you feel like an object, it makes it very hard to have and maintain your self-worth. Your energy is sacred, and you should protect who you give it to.

If you aren't spiritual and are convinced, I'll give you some facts.

According to the National Institute of Health, hook ups can result in feelings of shame, performance anxiety, disappointment, regret, exploitation, and isolation. Moreover, the NIH states that hooking up was associated with symptoms of depression and anxiety.

Beyond this, it can also manifest in a sex addiction. People tend to underestimate the addictive power of sex, but think about it: most drug addictions come from the addiction to the dopamine released when using, and the same hormone is released during an orgasm.

When you abuse your body's natural feel-good receptors like dopamine, they can stop naturally occurring until eventually you need to do the deed to feel "good".

I want to be clear, I am not



Graphic by Jessica Duch / Advance-Titan

According to the National Institute of Health, hookups can result in feelings of shame, performance anxiety, disappointment, regret, exploitation and isolation.

trying to slut-shame anyone. If having hookups genuinely makes you feel good and empowered, then you do you. I'm just here to expose you to the very real potential side effects hookups and

hookup culture can have on us and our mental health, especially as college students. We're already under enough stress as it is, and we need all the energy we can get.

Letter to the Editor: **Advance these Wisconsin industries**

By Sungmin Ann annsu88@uwosh.edu

Wisconsin has traditionally developed industries that focus on dairy and manufacturing.

These industries not only lead major movements in the Wisconsin economy, but also influence the entire US. However, there is a growing debate over whether we need to engage new industries to encourage long-term economic growth for the future of Wisconsin. So, what industries are viable? existing facilities, Wisconsin could be a big manufacturing hub.

Embracing the production of cutting-edge virtual reality equipment for multiverse implementations and equipment used in the aerospace industry, Wisconsin would be able to attract vanced equipment and the development of future food using already abundant crops would solve problems facing the existing Wisconsin agricultural industry. It would also create jobs and contribute to economic advancement. ply technology not only leads to the resolution of environmental problems, but can also be a gate for international cooperation and interaction.

In conclusion, if Wisconsin embraces the high-tech industries that modern society seeks and expects, there will be strategic and prolonged economic expansion.

Advanced manufacturing

Based on the massive existing manufacturing technologies and

more workers and retain more jobs while also being an industry competitor.

Advanced agricultural tech

Wisconsin's traditional agricultural heritage makes it possible to achieve the establishment of advanced agricultural technology.

Precision agriculture with ad-

Water tech

The development of water technology would be good news for Wisconsin's economic advantages. Given its rich water resources and geographical advantages, including Lake Michigan and many of the rivers that connect with Lake Michigan, the development of water purification technology and water sup-



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