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Officers of the Oshkosh Police Department investigate a party on Amherst Avenue during the spring edition of Pub Crawl Saturday.

Board of Regents increases tuition

By Jacob Link
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Universities of Wisconsin President Jay Rothman and the Board of Regents announced April 4 that all UW campuses will be raising their resident tuition by an average of 3.75% for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Rothman said he asked the Board of Regents to approve a tuition increase to maintain the level of education the Universities of Wisconsin provides.

"Our universities are facing challenging economic realities, and students and parents should know that we plan to be good financial stewards," Rothman said. "Maintaining our affordability advantage, especially compared to our peers, is a priority because we want more students to get access to the unlimited opportunities our universities provide."

On average, Universities of Wisconsin undergraduates will have to pay \$7,673 per year in tuition starting in the Fall 2024 semester, a \$318 increase from the 2023-24 school year.

Aside from tuition, which was increased by the Board of Regents for the second straight year after 10 years of a tuition freeze, UW undergrads will have to pay an additional \$74 in segregated fees.

The cost of attendance for resident undergrads will increase about 4.4% across the UW segregated fees are considered alongside tuition.

According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Rothman said that the tuition increase would generate \$39 million annually to "keep pace with rising costs."

Rothman defended the decision to raise tuition across the UW and said that the UW schools provide an education that opens doors and helps students discover their potential.

"We know that investing in a degree from one of our 13 universities pays off – not only in career earnings but also in opportunities," Rothman said. "Our students are being educated to fill jobs that do not yet exist, which is critical in a world that is changing drastically due to technological advancements."

UW Oshkosh students will see their tuition increased by \$255, a 3.75% increase from the 2023-24 tuition costs.

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Pub Crawl sees uptick in crime

Violence overshadows UWO's biannual off-campus drinking event

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Oshkosh's unofficial biannual drinking event, known as Pub Crawl, kept area law enforcement busy over the weekend, with over 48 citations written and three people taken into custody.

UWO biology student Walter Ratliff said he had a fun experience with Pub Crawl despite the violence.

"With gatherings that large and alcohol involved, I think you can't expect nothing to go wrong, as it did," Ratliff said. "But I'd say overall, I think as long as you were safe and had a plan, I think it was a great weekend."

A 20-year-old man was arrested by Oshkosh Police Department after firing 16 shots outside near campus April 13 at about 9:39 p.m. during Pub Crawl.

OPD reported there were approximately 100 people in the area of the shooting, and officers were able to saturate the area almost immediately. Nobody was injured, and there were no reported property damage from the incident, according to an OPD press release from April 15.

The shooter was taken into custody for first degree recklessly endangering safety, felon in possession of a firearm, felony bail jumping, possession of THC second offense and possession of

MDMA second offense.

Ratliff said that he heard the gunshots while inside a house a block away from the shooting.

"[Me and my friends] were confused as to what they were," he said. "A couple other guys came into the house a couple of minutes later and talked about how they had heard gunshots popping off. Then we saw cop cars out there for probably three or four hours at the crime scene."

Ratliff said he took cover in the house he was in when the shots rang out.

"I didn't want to get anywhere near that," he said. "I was safe in the house. And that's where I wanted to stay."

In an email to students, the UW Oshkosh Police Department said that they received questions about the lack of using UWO's Titan Alert system after the shooting.

"Titan Alerts are used to inform and direct UWO community members regarding situations that take place on the UWO campus so they can make decisions about their personal safety and, as needed, take shelter in the event of oncoming dangers and ongoing threats," the UWOPD email said.

UWOPD said that during the shooting April 13, both UWOPD and OPD had personnel in the incident's area when calls came in.

"Law enforcement personnel were able to saturate the area almost immediately, and that helped officers quickly assess if there was

any immediate ongoing danger and the suspect was apprehended," the email said. "We always evaluate our Titan Alert practices following situations that occur on and near our campus. We will use information we have gathered regarding this specific incident to evaluate our future communications."

Ratliff said he was a little surprised that there was no Titan Alert after law enforcement received word of the shooting.

"But, maybe it's just me, I think most teenagers are smart enough to know when they hear gunshots, you need to run to the safest place possible," Ratliff said. "The police are going to know more about the situation than we do, I would like to think. Maybe it was in the best interest of them to just keep it wrapped up so that the victim or the perpetrator didn't get away. You know, you never really know a situation like this until it all comes out about a week or two later."

Four other arrests were made during Pub Crawl, including a 20-year-old man from Oshkosh arrested for disorderly conduct and violating probation/parole rules and a 21-year-old man from Fond du Lac arrested for disorderly conduct, battery, possession of marijuana and resisting arrest. He battered a female and pushed several others at a party.

A 20-year-old man from Sheboygan was taken into custody for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, as was a 21-year-old man

from Milwaukee for disorderly conduct, carrying a concealed weapon (brass knuckles), and possession of marijuana and amphetamine.

There were 48 total citations written by OPD over the duration of Pub Crawl. Three underage citations were written for underage alcohol consumption/possession and 39 were written for open intoxicants.

Ratliff said that he thinks there shouldn't be more restrictions for future Pub Crawls after the shooting.

"You can't stop the kids from doing what they're gonna want to do," Ratliff said. "I think the way that it was handled is the best way that it could be handled, which was kind of the cops just observing."

Ratliff said that he thinks the cops handled Pub Crawl as well as they could have.

"The cops aren't given enough credit and it's a tough situation to be in," Ratliff said. "You have probably thousands and thousands of kids looking to just get wasted, and you got a police force of 100-200 cops that have to deal with that, and that's just the reality of things."

If anyone has information regarding the shooting incident, they are encouraged to contact OPD at 920-236-5700. If anyone has information but wishes to remain anonymous, they are encouraged to contact the Winnebago County Crime Stoppers at 920-231-8477.

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Tuition: Looking at UWO

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UWO Chancellor Andrew Leavitt said that he doesn't have much of a role in the process of increasing the cost of attendance.

"It's a process that's carried out at the Universities of Wisconsin level," Leavitt said. "They will make a proposal to the Board of Regents and chancellors have input into it. For instance, they'll say, what do you think about this? Is it too high, too low, and we give an opinion. But that's the extent of our role in this."

Leavitt said that he thought the 3.75% increase in tuition was reasonable.

"You have to remember: we're coming off of 10 years of not having any increase in tuition," Leavitt said. "At the same time, we have tremendous inflationary pressures that we're working through, which is partly the reason why we had to go through some rather difficult budgetary issues this last fall."

After the tuition hike, full-time undergraduate resident students at UWO will have to pay \$7,060.79 per school year starting in the fall, while non-resident undergrads will need to pay \$14,974.54. Graduate students will need to pay \$8,580.40 if they are a Wisconsin resident while non-resident graduate students now have to pay \$18,463.86 per year in tuition costs.

UWO students who attend Fond du Lac and Fox Cities branch campuses will have to pay \$5,150.32 next school year if they are a resident and \$13,641.04 if they are a non-resident.

The cost of attendance at UWO, not just tuition, is also increasing for the next school year. UWO students will have to pay an extra \$65 in segregated fees for a 3.9% total increase. While room and board at UWO dropped \$49 (\$5,309 for one year), meal plans increased \$179 and the overall cost of attendance rose \$450. After the changes, the average on-campus UWO student must pay \$17,601 to attend the university for 2024-25, a 2.6% increase from this school year.

Leavitt said that in the Midwest, Wisconsin continues to be a relatively low tuition state compared to neighboring states.

"If you notice our room charge actually went down \$49," Leavitt said. "When we renovate residence halls or have any kind of maintenance, large scale maintenance issues or residence halls, typically you have to borrow money to do that. We ended one of the debt service obligations, so we're able to pass the savings on to the students."

According to Leavitt, the Student Allocations Committee, which works independently of the Oshkosh Student Government, determines the amount of segregated fees that students pay through their tuition.

Resident tuition increases	
Milwaukee	\$873
Stout	\$788
Eau Claire	\$773
Madison	\$746
Parkside	\$738
River Falls	\$717
La Crosse	\$684
Stevens Point	\$675
Whitewater	\$655
Superior	\$569
Green Bay	\$546
Oshkosh	\$450
Platteville	\$329
Average	\$658

Graphic by Josh Lehner

"Those recommendations are forwarded to me by the SAC committee," Leavitt said. "So that's where they have their role; any changes in segregated fees comes from the students."

UWO political science student Sawyer Moens said the increase in cost of attendance is really going to hurt him.

"Because of having to take out student loans, it's only going to put me in more debt," Moens said. "I am planning on going to law school and knowing I'm going to have a big bill there really scares me. So having to worry about increases at the undergrad level is really unfortunate."

UWO kinesiology student Sam Peterson said he wants to know why the university raised tuition if administrators let staff go to help with the budget deficit.

"What does the extra \$450 actually do for me?" Peterson said. "What's the point of lowering room and board if we are just going to raise tuition, especially with the classes that are getting cut, and there is basically no more Testing Center."

Leavitt said that he realizes that any increase can create a barrier for students.

"At the same time, we need to preserve quality, we need to preserve the experience for the students," Leavitt said. "So, I thought this very modest increase was sufficient to do that."

Moens said that he thinks the biggest problem at UWO is the lack of people graduating and the current enrollment.

"Increasing tuition is not going to help that," Moens said. "I think that if they want heads in beds, the price has to stay the same."

Leavitt said that the tuition increase is not related to the budget deficit the university is facing.

"Enrollment is going to be what impacts any future deficit we might have because we have plans to have closed our deficit by the end of next year," Leavitt said. "With the \$18 million deficit we have, we've already closed it down to \$3 million. So certainly, a tuition increase to me is a way to help us maintain quality in real time."

Leavitt said that he doesn't think there would ever be a decrease in the tuition of an institution.

"I don't know of any other commodity I can think of, you know, other than something as volatile as a fuel that goes up or down," Leavitt said. "I mean, think of rent and other kinds of things like that."

Leavitt said he thinks the university has done very well to help manage the cost of attendance for UWO students.

"We understand that any kind of increase presents a barrier to students that we want to preserve quality and at the same time, we certainly encourage students to fill out the FAFSA, which is very important to make sure they have the full access to student aid."

Moens said he thinks that blaming everything on Leavitt is unfair, and that other administrators should take the blame for the tuition increase and should be doing more for students.

"Find donors. Find ways to make revenue without taking it out on the students," Moens said. "The actions of administration should not reap consequences on the students of this university."



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Humane society calls for adoption

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The Oshkosh Area Humane Society is asking the public to "clear out the shelter" by fostering or adopting homeless animals under OAHS care to prepare for building renovations beginning April 22.

"The community is asked to consider adopting or fostering [animals] so that they do not have to endure the stress of the loud noises, dust, permeating smells and other commotion and activities that will result from the upcoming renovations," OAHS Marketing & PR Manager Emily Anderson wrote in a press release.

Last year, OAHS cared for over 2,700 pets. As of April 16, 111 cats, 36 dogs and 9 small mammals are currently housed there.

OAHS president Ieva Engel said it is particularly important for the public to consider adoption now because the sounds, smells and construction workers may be extremely disturbing and stressful for animals. Construction is expected to last through mid-June.

She said dust and fumes from paint or epoxy can be especially irritating for immunocompromised animals and small animals with delicate respiratory systems.

"Our biggest worry is the floor resurfacing... that smell is strong," Engel said.

The shelter has not seen renovations in the 19 years it has moved to its recent location on 1925 Shelter Ct. Updates will include repainting walls, resurfacing worn floors and replacing cabinets beginning to rot.

Although renovations may be disruptive to pets, Engel said OAHS will continue to accept surrendered animals in the area.

"That's our commitment to the community," she said. "We're here to serve the community and support them in any way we can."

However, in an effort to prevent surrenders, OAHS has several support systems for pet owners in need. They routinely hold low-cost vaccination and microchip clinics as well as offer a pet food pantry for owners who need aid affording pet food.

Although OAHS invites the public to adopt or foster a pet, they understand that many community members are unable to do so. However, OAHS said these people can still help find these animals a home.

"Just helping spread the word makes a huge difference," Engel said. "And, of course, we're always interested in more volunteers, so they can come in and apply for a volunteer position."

A full list of animals available for adoption can be found at oahs.org/see-all-pets.

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News

Oshkosh Craft Beer Week returns

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Oshkosh Craft Beer Week returned for its third year on April 4-14, bringing a new collaborative beer from Fox River Brewing Company, Fifth Ward Brewing Company and Bare Bones Brewery: City Wide Cold IPA.

The event was first organized in 2020 by Discover Oshkosh; however, due to COVID-19 its first year ended up being in 2022. This makes 2024 the completion of the three-year brewing cycle, which saw Bare Bones and Fifth Ward handle the brewing process in 2022 and 2023.

Andrew Roth, the brewmaster at FRBC said that the purpose was to promote events beyond EAA through Discover Oshkosh's promotion of restaurants, breweries and minor events. After the process of organization, COVID-19 struck, canceling further events.

"The idea was to go promote more things in Oshkosh than just the big events," Roth said. "That was coming from Discover Oshkosh, who works well with local businesses to promote what the city has to offer. With three breweries and the history of Oshkosh in brewing, it made sense to do something with it ... by the time we got to that point [of development] large-scale events were no longer allowed."

This year the beer was brewed at FRBC, who made three batches, making a total of around 1,100 gallons of City Wide. Roth said when deciding the style of beer, they had to ask themselves several questions.

According to Roth, these questions were, "What styles are up and coming; what styles represent all breweries as a whole; what do we feel like playing around with; and what can the brewer actually accomplish with their systems on hand."

That resulted in the creation of the City Wide Cold IPA, which Discover Oshkosh describes as "featuring West coast IPA vibes, fermented with a lager strain in the low 60s. This produces a beer that accentuates the crisp aspect while letting the aroma and flavors of the hops flow through ... [bringing] a nice blend of tropical fruits."

Patrick McHugh, a brewer at FRBC, said that this year's beer is something that many people have not tried but will still find familiar with its India pale ale roots.

"People are trying different things," he said. "Most people around Oshkosh have never tried a Cold IPA. It's a new style, probably been around for four years ... traditional India pale lager was the thing, making an India pale ale with lager yeast. This is lager yeast but it's fermented at ale temperatures."

"It's slightly different and leans more into West coast IPA," McHugh said. "I've had guys try it and say that 'it reminds me of a light beer.' It's a new style but it's something people are familiar with."

McHugh said that the event has received widespread support from the community, making his efforts as a brewer fulfilling.

"It's awesome; every year you see people getting out and buying the beer," McHugh said. "It's fulfilling as a brewer to see people getting out in the community. All the bars and restaurants around town embrace it and are excited to bring the beer in no matter what the style."

Cullen Dunn works alongside McHugh and said that the cold IPA is a good starting point for those unfamiliar with IPAs, since it's less bitter than others.

"In general, our IPAs are leaning less and less bitter," Dunn said. "That's the challenge with selling IPAs to people who don't drink them, there is some bitterness



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Patrick McHugh stands next to the vat where part of the brewing of City Wide: Cold IPA takes place.

to them that is not there in other styles."

Dunn said that another element to a cold IPA is its crispness at the end, comparable to other beers such as Coors Light.

"A cold IPA is a nice mixture of them. It has bitterness from a regular IPA, but it also has crispness like a lager beer. It's not the least bitter we've made, but it's clean and crisp."

When introducing new varieties of beer compared to basic classics, it may be difficult to get people to try new beers. Dunn said that despite this challenge, they attempt to make beer for everyone and remain true to the history of beer while also introducing new varieties.

"We split the difference a little bit," he said. "From a production standpoint, we do something true to what we want to do to stay cutting edge and stay true to our her-

itage. We almost always have a lager beer of some type on tap ... More of what we're doing is trying something new and different, getting people trying new stuff."

Looking forward to future events from the breweries, there will be a celebration for the 175 years of Craft Brewing in Oshkosh. This will feature FRBC, Bare Bones and Fifth Ward releasing several different bocks.

Bock is a style of dark heavy beer that comes from the German style of brewing. For the event, every brewery will feature a different aspect of the beer's history. Fifth Ward has theirs on tap currently, which is a German bock lager. On April 20, Bare Bones Brewery will release Peoples Bock, which is made similar to the bock from People's Brewing in Oshkosh during the 1960s.

Dunn said that by highlighting

the past of Oshkosh brewing, they can connect with community members who've played a role in preserving that history.

"That's not only us working with other brewers in town," Dunn said. "We're also working with a guy who's been involved in Oshkosh beers for 20 years now, Lee Reiherzer. He's basically Oshkosh's beer historian ... So that has brought us together."

FRBC will finish the collection at the end of the summer with its pre-Prohibition style bock. Until the next releases over the summer, the Oshkosh community has access to the City Wide Cold IPA.

Due to the limited supply, Roth said, "We will be out of it in a month at most." So if you want to try the beer you will have to act fast. Its availability is shown on the Visit Oshkosh website, both canned and on tap.

Crime corner

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The Oshkosh Police Department arrested seven adult males during an undercover prostitution investigation on the south side of Oshkosh April 10.

In a press release, the Oshkosh Police Department (OPD) said it works diligently to investigate prostitution.

"For a variety of reasons, it can be very hard for human trafficking victims to get out of these situations," the release said. "The Oshkosh Police Department strives to reduce the number of victims by doing proactive investigations and being vigilant in our efforts to combat human trafficking."

OPD's Vice and Narcotics Unit, detectives and patrol officers worked together to bring the suspects into custody.

The seven males, who were all between 35 and 57 years old, were from Neenah, Fond du Lac, Town of Vinland, Kaukauna, Florence, Oshkosh and De Pere. Six of the individuals were arrested for pandering, and one male was arrested for pandering, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Tips for students' financial wellness

By Candice Wagener

When you think of wellness, you might think about staying fit, eating nutritious foods and practicing mindfulness. But there's one additional element that affects wellness: your finances.

What is financial wellness?

According to Forbes, there are four parts to financial wellness:

1. Managing short-term finances (creating a spending plan, sticking to it and gradually increasing your income)
2. Managing long-term finances (saving and investing for bigger goals like buying a home or retirement)
3. Improving present financial freedom (feeling like you're in control of your financial situation)
4. Achieving future financial freedom (retirement planning and following through on plans for your long-term financial goals)

Much like physical or mental wellness, financial wellness involves setting goals and taking action to put yourself in a good place where you are healthy and in control.

Financial wellness vs. financial literacy
They go hand in hand, but they are not

the same. Financial literacy is understanding the concepts and tools you can use to manage your money.

Financial literacy is acquired over time by learning from trusted financial resources and advisers available to you. Your level of financial literacy is constantly evolving as you go through various stages of life. Don't

feel like you have to have all the answers right now. Just keep learning and growing and asking questions.

Have a spending plan

The first step to feeling good about your finances is having a plan in place. Many people like to use the 50/30/20 rule:

- 50% to needs
- 30% to wants
- 20% to long-term savings

Here's a handy calculator that will help you seamlessly integrate this spending plan into your daily life.

Get out of debt

Rather than feeling bad about being in debt, how about planning to get out of debt? It's totally achievable. Start out with this

virtual debt coach for immediate guidance.

If you want to talk with someone in person, UW Credit Union offers free, no obligation credit consultations to help you make an organized plan for your finances. Schedule an appointment online today.

If you're still feeling overwhelmed, GreenPath Financial Wellness provides debt counseling and debt management plans, as well as webinars, a podcast and a blog that can serve as handy resources.

Save, save and save some more

We cannot stress enough the power of saving for your short-term and long-term goals and having an emergency savings fund in case of unexpected mishaps that crop up (car breaks down, medical issues, stacked up bills, etc.). Here are some steps to savings success:

- Use this saving with a purpose coach to help you plan for the future
- Build your emergency fund starting today
- Don't forget about retirement

Start here

Feeling a bit overwhelmed and not sure where to start? Take this free financial wellness assessment as a jumping-off point to help you determine your path to financial wellness. Because everyone's journey is different.



Why walk when you can crawl?

UWO students celebrate Pub Crawl spring 2024



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Pub Crawl is *lager* than life. Students at UWO went *ale* out last weekend at spring crawl. What can we say, a *pitcher's* worth a thousand words.

Photo by Cassidy Johnson / Advance-Titan

Sports

Softball moves to 23-0 on season

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The No. 23 nationally ranked UW Oshkosh softball team remained undefeated with wins at Marian University and against UW-La Crosse at the UWO Softball Park last week.

In the doubleheader at Marian University on April 10, UWO won game one 3-1. The Titans were able to win behind Abby Freismuth's fifth complete game of the season as she allowed only one run on five hits.

Head coach Scott Beyer said he liked how Freismuth took over the game.

"[Freismuth] has been very consistent this year," he said. "With our other number one pitcher resting versus Marian, we needed her to step up and she did a great job taking over the game."

Freismuth's complete game also helped the Titans pitching in the second game as UWO won 7-0. The Titan offense struck early in the second game with an RBI sacrifice fly from Sophie Wery and an RBI single from Haylie Wittman in the first.

The Titans had another multi-run inning in the fourth with three runs scored with an RBI double from Brianna Davis, RBI single from Sydney Rau and a fielder's choice from Hannah Ritter. The Titans capped the scoring in game two with the first collegiate home run from Sarah Hammerton.

In the doubleheader against UW-La Crosse, the Titans were able to win both games despite a tough challenge from the Eagles. UWL jumped out to a 4-0 lead through the first four innings thanks to a three-run first inning.

The Titans were able to keep themselves in the game thanks to a three-run inning of their own in the fifth inning. Wery started the scoring for the Titans with a groundout that scored Hammer-ton, later in the inning a two-run home run from Wittman got the score to 4-3. Wittman then drove in the tying run in the seventh inning with an RBI single. Then with bases loaded and one out, Zoe Malone came up with the walkoff fielder's choice as the Titans won 5-4 after Wittman scored on a throwing error. In the win, Beyer credited the experience of the team.

"There is no doubt our veteran leadership had to do with the way we went about our business," Beyer said. "We didn't flinch when we were thrown into adversity, and that is our experience coming through."

Then in game two, UWO won in almost the exact opposite way that they won game one. The Titans jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the fourth with back-to-back home runs from Wittman and Wery. After a big rally from the Eagles, UWO was able to hold on with a 6-5 win as the Titans stranded the tying run on third.

The biggest moment from the doubleheader was what Hannah



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Sydney Nemetz begins to wind up for a pitch during the 5-4 victory over UW-La Crosse on April 13.

Ritter accomplished in game one, Ritter became the all-time Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference hits leader with her 5-for-5 performance during game one. Not only was Beyer proud of her, he was also happy for her that she accomplished it at home.

"That was awesome to have her get that record at home. It was also a relief for her," Beyer said. "As much as you don't

want to think about those types of things, you do, and I am very proud of her for just going out and playing ball."

Beyer also said that it is a "record that will be hard to break in the future and one heck of an accomplishment."

The Titans played a doubleheader against the Milwaukee School of Engineering Tuesday and won both games 2-0 and 4-0.

Yesterday, UWO played a dou-

bleheader against UW-Whitewater. Check the UWO athletics site for results.

On April 20, the Titans will host UW-River Falls in a doubleheader on Alumni Day. First pitch for the games against the Falcons will be at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Training facility offers Oshkosh athletes new technology



Samuel Reader / Advance-Titan

Five Star Wisconsin stands on the corner of Murdock Avenue and Grove Street.

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Five Star Wisconsin, located on the corner of Murdock Avenue and Grove Street on the northeast side of Oshkosh, opened in December in a building that formerly housed a bowling alley. The academy trains youth ages 10 to 18 in softball and baseball.

The new baseball and softball training facility in Oshkosh is "where you want to play if you want to be playing your best," according to one of the owners.

Co-owner Evan Wick said their opening in Oshkosh has "brought them a bunch of opportunities" and "it's been a blessing."

Evan Wick, Andy Zwirchitz and Bryce Wick bought into the franchise Five Star National and wanted a location where they could reach multiple different areas and teach a multitude of different athletes.

Five Star National provides athletic training throughout the United States. This includes Indiana, Georgia, North Carolina,

Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, Ohio and even Puerto Rico.

Five Star Wisconsin offers several types of training. They offer armbands and pitcher workouts in the side room, batting practice on the practice field and strength and conditioning. Evan Wick said they are a top tier destination for baseball and softball training.

Evan Wick said he likes to serve each athlete individually and holds team limits to two per age group. That helps Five Star

Wisconsin ensure they tend to each player's needs and work on their game with them individually.

He also said a player doesn't need to be rostered to get the expertise they provide. Sometimes these non-rostered players even get the opportunity to step up and play for Five Star in tournaments or exhibition games, he added.

"We like to know what we can do to make them better personally," Evan Wick said.

Evan Wick said another aspect of Five Star's rigorous training is their technology.

Five Star uses a Trackman, which are used in all 30 MLB stadiums and give you all kinds of statistics in one system.

Trackmans can be used for both pitching and hitting. They show the spin rate on pitches, release height, release speed and spin efficiency while also tracking exit velocity, launch angle and vertical movement for hitting. Five Star Wisconsin and their new facility, which includes technology like Trackmans, gives Five Star an edge compared to others, he said.

"Five Star training programs are led by former athletes, fitness trainers and former MLB players," Executive Operations Man-

ager Kerri Chavis said.

"We have several former MLB players and trainers, and the dynamics at each Five Star facility is custom to its community," Chavis said.

"We offer pitching, hitting and fielding lessons customized to players' ages, skill levels and needs," Chavis said. "Our instructors and coaches are available and invested in creating a winning atmosphere."

While Five Star has been bringing back a lot of their current customers to their new location, they are having a hard time marketing and promoting this new location to people around Oshkosh.

"We haven't done a great job promoting or marketing, but we're working on it," Evan Wick said. "We're still looking for social media employees and other smaller jobs around the facility."

Evan Wick spent time as a hitting and catching coach at Lawrence University before coming to Five Star, and Zwirchitz has been coaching and training players for more than 14 years.

Five Star National has produced 4,500-plus NCAA scholarships and 120-plus players drafted to the MLB.

Sports



Scoreboard

Saturday, April 13

Softball

Game 1
UWO - 5
UW- La Crosse - 4
Game 2
UWO - 6
UW- La Crosse - 5

Baseball

Game 1
UWO - 7
UW- La Crosse - 10
Game 2
UWO - 1
UW- La Crosse - 6

Tennis

UWO - 6
Lakeland University - 3

Sunday, April 14

Baseball

Game 1
UWO - 17
UW- La Crosse - 6
Game 2
UWO - 15
UW- La Crosse - 17

Golf

Gustavus Adolphus College (Minnesota) Gustie Invite
UWO - 7th place

Tuesday, April 16

Softball

Game 1
UWO - 2
MSOE - 0
Game 2
UWO - 4
MSOE - 0

Wednesday, April 17

Softball

vs. UW-Whitewater - doubleheader
(see results on UWO athletics site)

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 18

Baseball

vs. UW- Stevens Point at 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. at Alumni Stadium

Friday, April 19

Track and Field

UW- La Crosse Phil Esten Challenge at 2 p.m.
Augustana College Meet of Champions at 3 p.m.
Lawrence University Viking Invitational at 4 p.m.

Golf

UW-Whitewater Spring Invite at Riverside Golf Course in Janesville.

Saturday, April 20

Baseball

vs. Lakeland University at 1 p.m. at Alumni Stadium

Softball

vs. UW- River Falls at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at UWO Softball Park

Tennis

at North Park University (Illinois) at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23

Softball

vs. UW- Stevens Point at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at UWO Softball Park

Baseball drops three of four

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The UW Oshkosh baseball team lost three of four games against UW-La Crosse by the scores of 10-7, 6-1 and 17-15 while winning one game by the score of 17-6 on April 13 and 14.

The Titans headed into the series against La Crosse after splitting a double header versus UW-Stevens Point on April 10, winning one game 7-1 and losing the other 14-2.

LJ Waco made his sixth start of the season for UWO while also boasting a 4-0 record on the mound heading into the contest.

The Eagles found the board early on by scoring a run off a passed ball in the second inning and followed it with a solo home run by George Seaman to take a 2-0 lead over the Titans.

The game remained quiet until the fifth inning when the Eagles found the board again off an RBI single. In the following inning, the Eagles' first baseman, Seaman, hit a three-run home run to give the Eagles a commanding 6-0 lead.

The Titans found a way to cut into the lead in the seventh inning as Nick Shiu hit a two-RBI double to cut the deficit to four. However, the Eagles immediately responded in the bottom of the inning with a pair of home runs, a solo home run by Chris VandenHeuvel and a second three-run home run by Seaman. This was Seaman's third of the game. To give the Eagles a 10-2 lead.

UWO didn't go down without a fight as they were able to plate a big eighth inning starting with an RBI single by Jake Surane, followed by an RBI double by Jack McNamara to score Surane from first base. The following at-bat had Zach Taylor hit an RBI single to score McNamara and Mason Kirchberg hit a two-run home run to cap off the inning, cutting the lead to 10-7.

The late surge from the Titans proved to be too late as they fell to the score of 10-7. Waco caught his first loss of the season, dropping his record to 4-1 after pitching five innings giving up five earned runs on seven hits while striking out seven batters.

UWO's Connor Brinkman made his seventh start of the season in game two of the series while sporting a 3-1 record heading into the contest.

The Eagles jumped on the Titans early with a two-RBI double by Anthony Vivian in the first inning to grab a 2-0 lead over the Titans.

The scoring remained quiet until the sixth inning when the Eagles paired RBI singles to extend their lead to 4-0.

Braydon Skenandore found the board for the Titans for the only time of the contest when he belted a solo home run in the eighth inning, his first home run of the year.

The Eagles capped off their victory with a two-run bottom of the eighth to take a 6-1 lead, and Tyler Schmitt of the Eagles closed out the ninth inning to se-



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Zach Taylor swings during his 9-for-11 performance on April 13. Taylor hit two home runs on Sunday.

cure a complete game victory.

Brinkman recorded the loss in the contest, throwing six innings giving up four runs on eight hits while striking out seven batters and walking four. Aaron Hui-bregtse also pitched for the Titans, giving up two runs on three hits in two innings of work.

The Titans looked to right the ship on Sunday against the Eagles when they had Connor Walters take the mound for the fifth time this season.

The Titans were able to be the ones to grab an early lead this time around as a pair of RBIs from Kirchberg and Carter Stebane gave the Titans a 2-0 lead in the top of the second inning.

The Titans continued their scoring onslaught in the third inning. The Titans grabbed two runs after a throwing error by the Eagles and then scored another run on a bases loaded walk. Stebane capped off the four-run inning with an RBI sacrifice fly to give the Titans a 6-0 lead.

After giving up a run in the bottom of the third inning, the Titans responded with a run off an RBI single by Kirchberg. The Eagles put up two more runs in the fourth inning to cut the Titans' lead to 7-3.

The Titans found another big inning at the plate in the fifth inning when Surane kicked off the scoring with a two-RBI double, Surane later scored in the inning off a throwing error by the Eagles. Taylor put a cap to the inning for the Titans with a two-run home run, extending the Titans' lead to 12-3.

The Eagles put up two more runs over the next two innings, including one from the fourth home run in series by Seaman.

The Titans put an end to the contest with a five-run seventh inning highlighted by a solo home run by Taylor, a two-RBI single by Stebane and a two-RBI single by Brenden Max. After a

scoreless bottom half of the inning the game ended due to the 10-run rule with a score of 17-6.

Walters earned his second win on the season for the Titans giving up four earned runs on eight hits in 5.2 innings of work. Josh Jansen also pitched for the Titans without giving up a hit in 1.1 innings. The Titans forced six Eagles pitchers to take the mound in the seven-inning contest.

Jansen made his second start of the season after throwing 1.1 hitless innings in game one of the doubleheader. The final game of the series ended up being the most chaotic of them all.

Shiu started the action at the plate for the Titans with an RBI single to put the first run on the board. Later in the first inning, Kirchberg hit a three-run home run to give the Titans an early 4-0 lead.

After the Eagles cut into the lead to make it 4-2, the Titans put up three more runs in the second inning. Shiu recorded his second RBI single in the game as Taylor followed with a two-RBI single.

The scoring continued in the third inning as Surane hit a three-run home run to give the Titans a commanding 10-2 lead in the third inning.

The Titans picked up another run in the fifth inning. However, the Eagles had a scoring outburst to make this a game. A four-run inning highlighted by two RBI singles and a two-run home run cut the Titans' lead to 11-6.

Kirchberg responded in the sixth inning with a two-run home run to make the lead 13-6. The Eagles then responded with four runs over the next two innings to make the score 13-10 entering the ninth inning.

The ninth inning was promising for the Titans at the plate when Kirchberg hit a two-RBI single to extend the lead to 15-10 with only three outs remaining. However, the Eagles put up

four runs via an RBI double and a three-run home run by Vanden Heuvel. The game came to a close when Seaman hit his fifth home run of the series, this time a three-run shot to give the Eagles a 17-15 victory.

The Titans record now stands at 13-13 and 7-7 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, maintaining fourth place in the WIAC standings.

UWO will continue play with a doubleheader against UW-Stevens Point on April 18 and one game against Lakeland University on April 20 at Alumni Stadium.

WIAC home run leaders

- 1. J. Endreas - UWSTO - 10
- T2. M. Kirchberg - UWO - 8
- T2. A. Thies - UWW - 8
- T2. M. Born - UWL - 8
- T2. G. Seaman - UWL - 8
- T2. C. VandenHuevel - UWL - 8
- 7. D. Salyers - UWE - 7
- T8. E. Frank - UWW - 6
- T8. B. Comer - UWSP - 6
- T8. W. Johns - UWE - 6
- T11. D. McVay - UWW - 5
- T11. M. Scolan - UWW - 5
- T11. J. Sedin - UWSTO - 5
- T14. J. Surane - UWO - 4
- T14. N. Shiu - UWO - 4

Opinion

Why you should join Women's Rugby

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I played sports throughout my childhood. Basketball, volleyball, softball — you name it, I played it.

Even though I enjoyed what I was doing while competing, something never clicked for me.

Don't get me wrong, I will always hold those teams in high regard. Without those sports and the support I received from Loyal High School, I wouldn't be the person I am today. But I wanted something more.

Going to college was a fresh start for me and like many others I was lost for a little. I struggled to adjust to life away from my family and sought out ways to fill my time, but I wanted something different than what I had in high school.

Instead of staying in my dorm mulling things over, I decided to explore. That's when I followed through on a dare that would ultimately lead me down a path of pure *brutifulness*.

During the beginning of our fall semesters here at UWO, we have an event called the Taste of Oshkosh. This event allows clubs and organizations ranging from economics to football to come and tell students what they are all about. I found myself at this event with another fellow freshman who just so happened to dodge a ball intended for them that I instead caught.

That was the first time I laid my hands on a rugby ball and long story short, this fellow freshman dared me to go up to the women's rugby table and sign up.

Due to my nemesis, boredom, I attended a practice. I guess I liked it because I have been playing for the past three years and haven't bailed.

There's just something about it that's different from other sports. It's one of those games that blends strategy, camaraderie and sheer athleticism in a unique and thrilling style that seems to draw in people from all walks of life.

For instance, say you have an athlete who comes into this sport



Jade Springer / Advance-Titan

Part of the UW Oshkosh's Women's Rugby team smile for a post-game photo.

looking to go balls to the walls and achieve bodily prowess. Good for them, but that's not all they're going to get! It's a gutsy sport, but it also builds you. In the spirit of writing this article during the spring sevens season, I'm going to list seven reasons I believe rugby builds you.

That godlike bodily prowess

Rugby inadvertently demands tremendous physical strength and speed from its athletes.

From sprinting for tries to engaging in scrums and rucks, not to mention everyone's favorite part, tackling, you build up stamina and endurance over time which makes your overall physical health improve.

Camaraderie and teamwork

One of this sport's most distinctive features is the necessity for teamwork. Whether you're a seasoned vet or a fletching rookie, you will forge bonds with your teammates.

Rugby fosters a sense of camaraderie like no other sport out there.

Every time I'm out on the pitch I hear the phrase "with you" at least once, which means you have support.

Character development

Sure, rugby cultivates teamwork and other sport-related skills, but you know what else you learn? Life skills and values!

Qualities such as discipline, resilience, leadership and, most importantly, respect for others are instilled into you as you play. These qualities play a part in life beyond the pitch.

Everyone and their brother is here

As I previously stated, rugby seems to be a sport that draws people in from all walks of life. Your race, religion and sexual orientation don't matter!

That's not to say that no one cares about who you are, but we don't see those things as limitations — we see them as another culture that we can bring into the rugby community!

This sport is nuts

I've never participated in a sport with more thrilling gameplay than what rugby has. From the bone-crunching tackles to the try-scoring runs that quite literally take your breath away. The dynamics and thrilling nature see to it that no two matches are identical. It keeps you on your toes.

Opportunities

I've had so many opportunities presented to me during my time as a rucker, from playing on different club teams to playing for the state of Wisconsin in the upcoming Heartland Elite All-Stars Rugby Tournament.

There is something out there for everyone no matter what level you want to pursue.

Lifelong Enjoyment

Many sports have restrictions on the number of years you can play. Great news, Rugby doesn't! You can play your whole life if you want to!

Along the way you'll also meet lifelong friends — I know I have. From coaches and teammates to fans, I've made lifelong relationships.

The reason I play is for the people who got me here. The teammates who play beside me, the athletes I compete against, and the coaches who got me started and then further shaped me into the athlete I presently am.

I play for the friends who have supported me along the way and most importantly my family who has propped me up since day one.

Where's the Titan Alert? Shootings 'too far' off campus

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As UW students, we hold a certain expectation when it comes to safety and our well-being. We have been in a constant battle with our administration and its lack of spending on our counseling/mental health services and diversity, equity, and inclusion programs that have been getting cut.

And now, we have to worry about our own UWO Police not reporting life threatening disturbances during one of the events with the highest student involvement in Oshkosh.

We have heard many statements regarding the shots fired on Scott Avenue that took place on Saturday. Some of us were nearby, while others had to hear it from word of mouth or YikYak. However, not a single statement was made by the university or its police department.

At least not until three days later, but you know, who's counting.

In this report released by the university police department, they stated that "Titan Alerts are used to inform and direct UWO community members regarding situations that take place on the UWO campus so they can make decisions about their personal safety and, if needed, take shelter."

Out of our student population, based on 2022 data from U.S. News & World Report, about 32% of UWO students live in campus affiliated or owned housing, while 68% live off campus. Is the university actually concerned about their students' safety when they didn't attempt to warn a majority of their student population about an incident that had occurred only four blocks off campus?

As a student that lives on Scott Avenue, where the incident transpired, and was only two blocks

away, I've never felt more disregarded by a statement.

Where is the "border" for an incident to be considered "on campus"? We get reports about Cherry Street and anything that happens on Irving Avenue.

Scott Avenue, on the other hand, runs up to Halsey and is one of the most populated student housing streets near campus, and we did not get any alerts or an inkling of concern from the university.

We are not disposable. Just because we don't live directly on your campus does not mean that our safety does not also matter. Why doesn't the school expand those borders knowing that Pub Crawl is one of the biggest events that students participate in? And did UWOPD not send a Titan Alert because it really was "too far away," or was it to protect their image? I guess we'll just leave it to Leavitt to avoid the whys.

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