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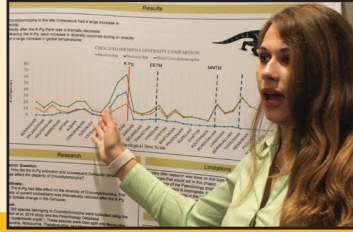
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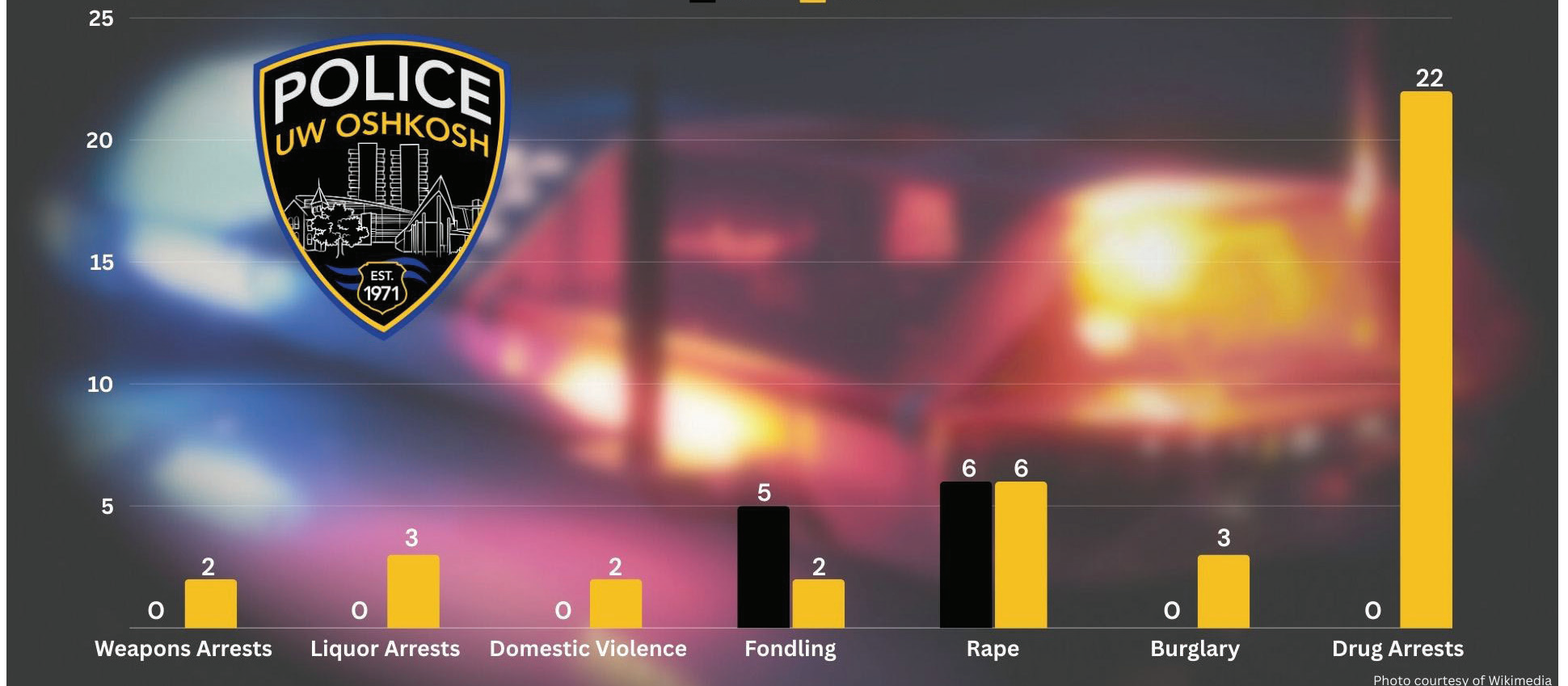


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Campus sees increase in drug arrests, burglary

By Kelly Hueckman
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UW Oshkosh saw an increase in burglary, drug-related arrests and other offenses compared to last year, according to the annual Clery Report published by the UWO Police Department Sept. 30.

"Campuses across the country have safety issues," UWO Police Chief Tarmann said. "It's just a vulnerable space [...] You will actually stay safer just by being aware of what's going on around you."

The Clery Act requires colleges that receive federal funding to release campus crime statistics and other safety information in annual security reports (ASRs) by Oct. 1.

These annual security reports (ASRs) must also include policy statements regarding crime reporting, campus facility security and access, law enforcement authority, incidence of alcohol and drug use and the prevention of response to sexual assault, domestic or dating violence and stalking.

The number of drug arrests saw one of the most significant increases in the report, with a total of 22 arrests in 2023 compared to none in 2022.

Tarmann said this trend might be attributed to UWOPD's focus on handling drug-related violations by introducing more training and awareness on the topic.

"The drugs that are out in our communities are so very dangerous right now that we're putting a little more attention in that," he said. "So, that will cause an increase to occur."

Another possibility for the influx in drug arrests, Tarmann noted, could be due to the end of UW Oshkosh's Drug Diversion Program. This program allowed students charged with marijuana to keep their charges from being filed by successfully going six months drug-free with random screenings.

"That can change how drugs are reported inside of a Clery Report, even though we maybe are getting consistent activity," he said. "There's a lot of factors involved there."

There was also an uptick in burglary this year, with three offenses in 2023 after having none in 2022.

Tarmann said that reports of burglary can be complicated because personal items will go missing, but owners don't know if it was taken by another individual.

"Sometimes we'll get a re-

port [...] where somebody knew something was missing, but they actually couldn't tell us whether or not it was taken by somebody else," he said.

All three burglary reports occurred in resident halls. To combat the risk of burglary in resident halls, Tarmann urged students to be diligent about locking their doors.

Other offenses also saw slight shifts upwards from the previous year, including alcohol referrals (increased from 406 to 503), liquor-related arrests (increased from zero to three), weapon-related arrests (increased from zero to two) and domestic violence (increased from one to two).

However, the number of fondling offenses and weapon referrals decreased slightly, from five cases to two. The amount of rape offenses in 2023 (six offenses) stayed the same from 2022.

Clery Center Senior Director of Programs Laura Egan said that though there is important information in the ASR, these reports are not necessarily indicative of how much crime is actually occurring on

"It's important to note that the statistics represent the number of reported incidents and not necessarily findings," she said.

While high numbers of reports

can sometimes create fear that crime is on the rise, they can also suggest an increased awareness about what should be reported, Egan said.

"What's going up is belief and trust in a system that it's worth the time to make a report, which is positive," she said.

In order to comply with the Clery Act, UWOPD was also required to report on initiatives to prevent and respond to campus crime.

Tarmann highlighted some safety resources for people on campus, including a 24/7 chat on the UWO mobile app, blue light emergency phones and a safe ride service called UWO Go.

UWO also designated over a hundred more parking spots specifically for resident students to reduce their need to walk far distances to their cars.

Tarmann said these programs have been heavily utilized by students and have remained successful even though the UWOPD staff was slightly reduced after university budget cuts in early 2023.

"We had open positions that we could no longer recruit for, so we just didn't fill those positions," Tarmann said.

Tarmann said that it's too early to tell if fewer police personnel

will impact campus security, but safety will remain the foremost concern of UWOPD.

"We've had to shave some things off of what we do, but safety is not going to be one of those," he said. "It's always going to be our focal point."

Past stats

2023

Drug arrests: 22
Burglary: 3
Alcohol referrals: 503
Liquor-related arrests: 3
Weapon-related arrests: 2
Domestic violence: 2
Weapon-related arrests: 2
Fondling offenses: 2
Weapon referrals: 2
Rape offenses: 6

2022

Drug arrests: 0
Burglary: 0
Alcohol referrals: 406
Liquor-related arrests: 0
Domestic violence: 1
Weapon-related arrests: 5
Fondling offenses: 5
Weapons referrals: 5
Rape offenses: 6

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UWO to host Supreme Court discussion

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UW Oshkosh will be hosting a panel called “Has the Supreme Court Saved Constitutional Democracy in the United States?” Oct. 24 with speakers Pulitzer-Prize-winning journalist Linda Greenhouse and retired federal appeals court Judge Michael Luttig. The event will be hosted from 5-7 p.m. in the Reeve Ballrooms.

The discussion will address issues in the recent Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) term and will be moderated by UWO political science professor Jerry Thomas.

Greenhouse spent nearly 30 years covering SCOTUS and currently lectures at Yale Law School.

Benjamin Birkinbine, a UWO journalism professor, said that legal journalists play an important role in relaying information from the court to the public.

“Judicial journalists, especially SCOTUS, are vital,” Birkinbine said. “A lot of times, law seems abstract... judicial journalists translate that information for the general public so that we can

understand the consequences of these decisions... It will be an honor to hear her speak.”

Luttig was nominated by Republican president, George H.W. Bush, to serve on the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals in 1991. Luttig, a conservative legal figure, began to speak out against the Trump presidency in 2019.

Birkinbine said that Luttig will offer insight on recent changes in the court and the decisions that those changes have rendered.

“It will be interesting to hear a former high-level judge’s perspective on how the courts have changed,” he said. “It would be fascinating to hear from someone who served on the bench [and] his opinions on the judiciary.”

Sawyer Moens, a political science student and vice-president of UWO Pre-Law Society, said that the event is important and he hasn’t experienced anything like it in his time at UWO.

“In my time being here, I haven’t experienced any event like this,” he said. “[To host] People in politics, involved in the court and law in general. I feel like it’s important, and it’s good exposure for other students.”

WCPH unveils 24/7 public health vending machines

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The Winnebago County Public Health (WCPH) agency recently unveiled new free resources for the community in the form of vending machines, available in Oshkosh and Neenah.

The 24/7 public health vending machines feature substance-related tools for everyone, including nasal Narcan, DETERRA drug deactivation kits and fentanyl test strips. Other resources available include lock bags, gun locks and feminine hygiene products and basic needs kits.

“There are safe, effective and life-saving tools available to help people struggling with substance use,” WCPH Multimedia and Public Relations Coordinator Wanda Tracy said. “These vending machines are one of the ways we are [able] to get... lifesaving tools available to anyone who needs them.”

Oshkosh’s vending machine is located at 112 Otter Ave. outside of the David W. Albrecht Administration Building. Neenah’s is found outside of the Winnebago County Human Services Building at 211 N. Commercial St. For students at UWO, Oshkosh’s machine is about a 20-minute walk from campus.

“These vending machines are the first in the Fox Valley and surrounding areas to be outdoors,” Tracy said. “Being outdoors allows 24/7 access to life-saving tools [and] both vending machines are near a bus route and produce heavy foot traffic.”

Tracy added that every item is found in a brown box with a white label, making the resources discreet for users.

“No matter if someone is getting Narcan, tampons or a gun lock, it all looks the same,” she said. “No one should feel ashamed for seeking safe, effective and lifesaving tools.”

Users must input a PIN code in order to access the resources in the machine. People can obtain a PIN

code by calling 920-232-3313, available 24/7, or by visiting the Winnebago County Human Services Building in Neenah Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“This PIN code will be active for 90 days of use to a client,” Tracy said. “These [machines] are both confidential and anonymous, with no strings attached.”

Tracy mentioned that these vending machines will help expand WCPH’s reach across Winnebago County with these resources available around the clock. She said that “overdoses don’t just happen during office hours,” noting that Oshkosh’s Lifepoint Harm Reduction program is only available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

“Our goal is to reduce barriers to access to public health prevention items so that people don’t feel embarrassed about the fact that they have a loved one who’s struggling or doesn’t know how to get prevention items or how to afford the cost,” Tracy said. “We aim to promote wellness, reduce harm and prevent death or serious injury.”

Tracy knew that adding these vending machines was necessary for the area after Winnebago County reported a record high overdose deaths last year.

“In 2023, 47 people died of an overdose in Winnebago County,” WCPH Director/Health Officer Doug Gieryn said in a press release. “Each of those deaths has long-term implications for the person’s friends, family and the overall community. The [vending machines] are aimed at preventing death as increasing access to Narcan and fentanyl test strips is one of the most effective tools available to combat the opioid epidemic.”

Tracy noted that chronic substance use disorders can be treated, but public views towards substance abuse limit people getting the help they need.

“Studies have shown people with



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Journalist Linda Greenhouse will visit UWO in an event for students to learn about SCOTUS in Reeve Union Oct. 24.

Birkinbine said that the discussion should be beneficial to students, aiding them to understand their rights in the United States.

“Any event that can inform the public or students about rights and the extent of them is a worthwhile event,” he said.

Moens said that this event stretches beyond those involved in political science, and the conver-

sations are applicable to the wider public and might target issues important to the student body.

“Non-political [science] students should be interested in this event,” he said. “Something might strike a nerve, similar to something they believe... they could find a deep interest in the event.”



Courtesy of WCPH
Kelly Reyer, left, and Tracy Miller, right, are two of the three design contest winners that have their artwork featured on the WCPH’s vending machines.

these disorders still face discrimination and stigma that can impact their health and well-being in numerous ways,” she said. “This stigma often factors into the reasons why people who need help do not seek care.”

According to Tracy, the vending machines provide an easy way for people to access the resources they need. The machines were made possible by a \$80,000 grant awarded to WCPH from the Wisconsin Department of Human Services, with the money coming from Wisconsin’s \$400 million opioid settlement.

“We saw the grant from the Department of Health Services and knew this was something we wanted to apply for,” Tracy said. “[We knew] this tool could help so many people.”

WCPH officially unveiled their new vending machines during an event on Sept. 20, which featured discussion and a demonstration of the machines.

“The event went very well!” Tracy said. “We [had] a great turnout from elected officials, the community and local organizations that

support those who use substances.”

For the event, WCPH held a community design contest from June to July for artwork to be featured on the machines. The theme for the designs included representing WCPH’s values along with including how “Harm Reduction Saves Lives.”

Tracy noted that the objective of the contest was to “reduce stigmatization of people with substance use disorders through art,” and that various forms of art were accepted in the contest from the community.

“Substance use is often dark and painful,” she said. “This was one way to create a more positive light around substance use and these vending machines.”

Tracy reiterated that harm reduction saves lives, and that WCPH believes that recovery for everyone is possible.

“We want people struggling with substance use disorder to know they are not alone, we care about them and we want them to be safe,” she added. “Decreasing the stigma of substance use disorder is vital to keeping people alive.”



Photos Courtesy of Grace Pirillo / UWO Newman Center

(Left) Students participate in a mile-long procession around campus. (Right) Zach Weber leads a procession of students during the Eucharistic Procession on Friday.

Titan Catholics holds bi-annual Eucharistic Procession

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Pedestrians on the UW Oshkosh campus were able to witness a unique act of worship on Friday as the Catholic student organization, Titan Catholics, and the Oshkosh Newman Center held their biannual Eucharistic Procession around campus. Led by a tall cross, torches and a smoking censer of incense. Rev. Zach Weber, chaplain to UWO, processed carrying a monstrance, the vessel used to carry a consecrated host (a wafer known as “the body of Christ,” or the Eucharist) in the mile-long procession. He was joined by Rev. Tom Long, the pastor of Saint Raphael the Archangel parish in Oshkosh. One student said it was his first procession and that it was a powerful experience was

walking behind Jesus. Over 40 students and UWO faculty, along with three dogs, participated in Friday’s event, with some joining mid-route. Processing down Elmwood and High Avenue, behind Reeve and Horizon, participants sang songs and recited prayers, all with a common intention: peace on campus, a goal that Weber explained is important for the Newman Center and Titan Catholics. “Peace can only be found in God,” Weber said. “If we witness that peace, people can find that peace and know that it’s actually a potential for them.” Weber also mentioned the decreasing enrollment at UWO and added how he has been tasked by Bishop David Ricken of the Diocese of Green Bay to “revitalize it.”

Catholics believe that at the Mass, “bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest,” according to the United States Bishops Conference website. After the 25-minute procession, participants knelt in prayer before the Eucharist. Local American Idol golden ticket winner Franki Moscato helped lead worship before Weber gave a blessing to those present. Moscato then led the congregation in the hymn “Holy God, we Praise thy Name” to close the night before a fellowship with a bonfire and rootbeer float. Some even got a round of lightning. One of those was junior Vinny Nowak, who thought the event went off really well. He appreciated that Weber told the partic-

ipants to keep their eyes on Jesus. Nowak also noted how there wasn’t that much interaction with the campus, which there has been more of in past years. This year’s event is specifically prominent, as it comes on the heels of the massive National Eucharistic Congress held in July, where more than 50,000 Catholics filled the stands of Lucas Oil Stadium. The month prior, Green Bay, Manitowoc and Fond Du Lac were featured in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, starting at the headwaters of the Mississippi River in Lake Itasca, Minnesota, before arriving in Indianapolis for the Congress. Catholics were then sent off on mission to share the gifts received at the Congress, according to the National Eucharistic Revival’s website. “There is a need for students

to witness the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. If we believe in the Eucharist, we need to act like we believe in the Eucharist — that Jesus is truly present — body, blood, soul and divinity,” Weber said. “It’s a really good witness to the rest of campus and to get out of my comfort zone, to evangelize the campus,” Nowak said. For those of all beliefs who would like to feel supported on campus, the Newman Center is open throughout the week and offers a place to hang out, study or play a round of cribbage. Sunday Mass is offered at 7:07 p.m. in Reeve 202. “Please just check us out. Especially if you’re struggling to make friends on campus, we’re a very welcoming community,” Nowak said.

Whooping cough cases increasing in Wisconsin

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Whooping cough cases have been increasing in Wisconsin and across the U.S. with 21 confirmed cases according to a Sept. 30 Winnebago County Public Health safety press release. There was only one confirmed case of whooping cough, also known as pertussis, in Winnebago County in 2023. The bacteria responsible for pertussis can easily spread from person to person through saliva when they talk, cough, or sneeze. Typically symptoms appear after five to ten days after exposure. The Winnebago County Public Health recommends that people know the symptoms of pertussis and contact their medical health provider if they experience symptoms or believe they’ve been exposed to someone with it. Symptoms can include a runny

nose, sneezing, low-grade fever (between 99.5 F and 100.3 F) and mild, occasional cough. These symptoms can become uncontrollable, such as violent coughs making it hard to breathe. After coughing, a person with pertussis may need to take deep breaths, causing a “whooping” sound. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WDHS) stated that two-thirds of Wisconsin counties have reported at least one case since Jan. 1, and Wisconsinites aged 11 to 18 make up about half of all cases reported as of Sept. 19. So far, there have been 758 cases of pertussis in Wisconsin compared to 51 last year. Wisconsin saw 2,388 cases in 2022 and 2,116 in 2021. To avoid contracting or spreading pertussis, the WDHS recommends hand washing often with soap and water for 20 seconds; avoiding touching your

nose, eyes and mouth; staying home and away from others if you feel sick; avoiding those who are sick and covering your nose and mouth when you’re about to sneeze or cough. Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself against pertussis, the Winnebago Health Public Health stated. Pertussis affects all ages and can be serious for babies under 1, pregnant women and immunocompromised individuals. To check your vaccination status, contact your provider or check the Wisconsin Immunization Registry at dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/wir.htm. Winnebago County Public Health offers the DTAP and Tdap vaccines for eligible individuals. For more info on the Vaccine for Children Program eligibility (VFC) and VFC providers, visit co.winnebago.wi.us/node/2713 or call 920-232-3000.

Crime Corner

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The Oshkosh Police Department has identified the two juvenile suspects responsible for vandalizing the restrooms at South Park last week at 1210 Georgia St. The suspects, both female, were referred to the District Attorney’s Office Sept. 30 for two counts of criminal damage to property after causing significant damage to the restrooms. “We extend our gratitude to the community for their assistance in this matter, helping us to keep our parks safe and clean for everyone,” an OPD press release said. According to OPD, the two suspects were caught last week on the park’s video surveillance cameras covering the walls, floors, sinks and toilets with graffiti, which the city estimates will cost several thousands of dollars to repair. OPD reminded citizens to report any suspicious activity around South Park in a press release. “Parks are meant to enhance the quality of life for everyone in our community — a place where people can enjoy nature, relax and create long lasting memories,” an OPD press release said. “We strongly urge parents to remind children to be respectful of property, and that repairs to fix damaged items can be very costly. By working together, we can help prevent damage to our parks.”

Soccer falls to Maroons

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The UW Oshkosh women's soccer team fell to the University of Chicago (Illinois) 4-1 at Stagg Field on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Indira Naylor got the offense started for the Maroons, scoring two goals in the first 9 minutes of game time. The freshmen midfielder finished with four shots, three of them being on goal and two hitting the back of the net.

Around the 40th minute mark, the Maroons tacked on another goal, this time by sophomore midfielder Kaitlyn Gomez and assisted by freshman forward Karena Shah, to bring their lead to 3-0.

Oshkosh was successfully able to find the back of the net in the 61st minute when junior midfielder Maris Heun scored her second goal of the season, assisted by junior forward Anika Roush.

The University of Chicago scored its final goal of the game from junior midfielder Mary Stuart Kerrigan and assisted by Naylor to give the Maroons a three goal lead.

The Titans look to get back on the right track this weekend when they take on North Park University (Illinois), Oct. 2 at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium before heading to UW-La Crosse to take on the Eagles Oct. 5. The results of these matches can be found at uwosh-koshtitans.com.



Courtesy of Steve Frommell / UWO Athletics

UWO's Taryn Endres won her first career individual title at the two-day Dechert Classic in Decatur, Illinois, over the weekend.

Endres wins Dechert Classic

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The UW Oshkosh women's golfer Taryn Endres won the individual title at the two-day Millikin University (Illinois) Dechert Classic Sept. 27 and 28 to help the Titans earn a third-place finish in its fall regular season finale.

Endres shot an 81 on Friday and an 80 on Saturday to finish in

a three-way tie for first place with Illinois Wesleyan University's Grace Fagan and Renae Jaeger of Saint Mary-of-the Woods College (Illinois). All three golfers finished the invitational at the South Side Country Club with 161 strokes (+17).

Aside from Endres' first career individual title, the Titans totaled 696 total strokes (+120) in the eight-team tournament. Sydney

Bornhorst finished 12th with 174 strokes (+16) while Hailey Matenaer claimed 19th place after shooting a 177 (+33). Josie Hofer totaled 184 strokes (+40) for 27th place and Chloe Strunk finished 30th with 186 strokes (+42).

UWO's Ava Downie golfed as an independent at the meet, finishing sixth with 167 strokes (+23).

Illinois Wesleyan won the

team title with 675 strokes (+99) while Saint Mary-of-the-Woods claimed second place with 678 strokes (+102).

The Titans, aiming to secure their first conference title since the 2015-16 season, will be back in action Oct. 4-6 when UWO hosts the WIAC Championship at the Reedsburg Country Club.

UWO volleyball drops two matches

No. 7 Titans swept by UW-Platteville on the road, Edgewood at home

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The UW Oshkosh Volleyball team traveled to UW-Platteville last Wednesday for their second clash against a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Conference Opponent in the 2024 season.

The Titans, who were ranked No. 2 in the nation at the time, fell to the Pioneers in an 3-0 upset with set scores of 25-14, 25-22 and 25-18. Sami Perlberg led the team with 14 kills in the loss while Kali Mau and Izzy Coon led the team in assists with 14 and 13, respectively.

In the first set of the match the Titans just could never really get going to match the energy with Platteville. Tied 3-3, the Pioneers went on a 4-0 run to go ahead 7-3. The Titans were able to get the Pioneer lead down to a two score gap at 6-8, but that was the closest that UWO was able to get in the set as UWP was able to blow the set wide open and won the first set 14-25.

Set two was the best shot that the Titans gave UWP of the night. Despite the Pioneers starting with a 3-0 lead, UWO was able to not let them pull away and in fact, the Titans was able to take the lead



Courtesy of Steve Frommell / UWO Athletics

UWO's Lauren Grier (14) recorded 10 blocks during the Titans' home triangular against Edgewood and Carthage Oct. 1.

behind four kills from Perlberg. UWO jumped out to an 18-14 lead, but a 5-2 run by the Pioneers allowed UWP to trim the UWO lead down to 20-19. UWO did score two more points to make it a 22-19 lead, and looked like they were going to win the set un-

til UWP went on a 6-point run, thanks to three Titan errors, to win the set at 24-22.

UWO started the third set with a 3-2 lead, but Platteville went on another 4-point run to get them the lead at 3-6. UWO was able to keep the Pioneers at a manage-

able distance, but was never able to reclaim the lead. The difference of the set came when the Pioneers held a 17-16 lead and were able to go on a 5-0 run after three Titan attack errors, extending the lead to 22-16. The Pioneer lead allowed UWP to close out the set

and the 3-0 win over UWO.

Coach Jon Ellman thought that the difference in the game was that the team didn't play as clean as Platteville.

"(UWP) outplayed us on Wednesday," Ellman said.

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Scoreboard

Friday, Sept. 27

Women's Golf

UWO - 3/8, 341-355 696

Saturday, Sept. 28

Women's Golf

UWO - 3/8, 341-355 696

Women's Tennis

UWO - 9

UW-River Falls - 0

Women's Soccer

University of Chicago - 4

UWO - 1

Tuesday, Oct. 1

Women's Volleyball

Match 1:

Edgewood College- 3

UWO- 0

Match 2:

UWO - 3

Carthage College - 0

Wednesday, Oct. 2

Women's Soccer

North Park University (Ill.) -

UWO - (Past publication time)

Upcoming Events

Friday, Oct. 4

Women's Golf

WIAC Championship, Reedsburg at 8:30 a.m./11 a.m.

Women's Cross Country

NCAA pre-national championship meet, Terre Haute, Ind. at 6:30 p.m.

Men's Cross Country

NCAA pre-national championship meet, Terre Haute, Ind. at 7:45 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

vs. UW-Stout at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 5

Women's Golf

WIAC Championship, Reedsburg, at 8:30 a.m./11 a.m.

Women's Tennis

at UW-Stout at 9 a.m.

Women's Volleyball

vs. Carroll University at noon

Football

at UW-Whitewater at 1 p.m.

Women's Tennis

at UW-Eau Claire at 2 p.m.

Women's Soccer

at UW-La Crosse at 5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 6

Women's Volleyball

WIAC Championship, Reedsburg, at 8:30 a.m./11 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Women's Volleyball

vs Lawrence Universty 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Women's Soccer

vs UW-Whitewater 7 p.m.



Courtesy of Steve Frommell / UWO Athletics

The Titans lost to UW-Platteville for the first time since 2014 last Wednesday in the Pioneers' 3-0 sweep over UWO.

Volleyball: Titans rebound with win over Carthage

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"It was what we did or didn't do on our side of the net, we just never got going."

Ellman also knows that despite the sting that the upset from last week will leave, it will motivate the team for the future.

"Our goal is to find value in each experience so that we can use them all as a catalyst for growth," Ellman said. "This one left a little sting and surely an extra motivation to find solutions faster."

The Titans, currently ranked No. 7 in the nation, returned home with the UWO Triangular on Tuesday, Oct 1, hoping to rebound against Edgewood College and Carthage College.

The Titans (14-4, 1-1 WIAC) lost their first match to Edgewood College (9-8, 2-0 NACC), 3-0 with set scores of 25-11, 25-19 and 25-22. Oshkosh put up 26 total kills and

had 10 blocks. Edgewood had 35 kills and 15 blocks.

Olivia Breunig led the Titans with seven kills. Lauren Grier had six blocks, as well as five kills. Mau recorded 12 assists, leading the Titans, and Izzy Coon had 11 while Abby Fregien registered 19 digs.

The Titans fell behind 7-1 early in the first set and were never able to recover. They attempted a late push, scoring three straight points late, however the deficit was too large to overcome.

In the second set, UWO kept it close early, but Edgewood scored seven unanswered points to make the score 11-5. The Titans were unable to catch up and went down two sets to none at 19-25.

The Titans started off strong in the third set, opening with four points before the Eagles evened the score at 4-4. Two kills from Breunig helped the Titans regain a 11-

10 lead, eventually extending that to 15-11. The Titans then lost that lead, as Edgewood scored five unanswered points, ending in a final set score of 25-22.

Oshkosh swept Carthage (9-5, 2-0 CCIW) by scores of 25-22, 25-22, and 25-11 in the Titans' second match of the day. The Titans had 46 kills, as opposed to Carthage's 30, and led on blocks, eight to three.

Perlberg led the Titans with 12 kills, with Robyn Kirsch recording nine and Riley Kindt recording eight. Grier recorded four of the Titans' blocks, leading the team. Coon recorded 22 assists for the Titans, leading in that category and both Fregien (11) and Kirsch (10) reached double-digit digs.

After a kill from Kindt in the first set to put the Titans up 3-1, they never trailed, fended off a 4-0 Firebird run and won 25-22. Hannah Moe delivered the final kill of

the set for the 25th point.

Similarly in set two, a kill from Kindt put the Titans up 5-4, and they once again retained the lead the rest of the way, extending the edge with three runs of at least three points. Moe had back-to-back kills for the 23rd and 24th points, and the Titans won the set 25-22.

In the final set, the Titans took an early 6-1 lead with kills from Breunig and Kindt and two points from the service line by Coon, never looking back. A 6-0 spurt with a kill by Kirsch, another from Grier and a Kindt ace put Oshkosh up 14-5. Moe repeated her feat from the first set, delivering the final kill of the match, as the Titans won the third set 25-11.

UWO will play its third WIAC opponent this weekend as the Titans will welcome the UW-Stout Blue Devils to Kolf Sports Center on Friday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m.

UWO tennis sweeps UW-River Falls 9-0 at home

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The UW Oshkosh women's tennis team defeated UW-River Falls 9-0 Sept. 28 at the Kolf Sports Center Outdoor Tennis Courts to improve its record to 6-2 on the season.

In the singles matches, the Titans dominated, picking up a win in every match. UWO's Olivia Pethan defeated Sydney Wiener 6-0, 6-2 in the No. 1 singles match. In the No. 2 singles match, Oshkosh's Mana Usui beat Alexis Budzinski 6-2, 6-1 and Alysa Pattee took down Chloe Struss 6-4, 6-3 in the singles No. 3 match. In the No. 4 singles battle, Oshkosh's Kayla Gibbs won 6-0, 6-4 against River Falls Sarah Baker while UWO's Brianna Owens and Vianna Dao picked up wins in the No. 5 and No. 6 matches.

Head coach Steve Francour said

that the success they've had in the singles competitions have been from hard work in practice.

"Our new players have done a great job adjusting to the college game and have shown how they have worked hard to get ready for the next level," Francour said.

UWO's doubles partners played just as well, winning every doubles match in the win against the Falcons (3-7, 1-4 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference). UWO's Pattee and Pethan took down Struss and Budzinski in the first doubles match. Usui and Gibbs defeated Wiener and Baker 8-2 in the second doubles match, while Owens and Courtney Carpenter finished it off with a victory over Hailey Reuvers and Mykela Hanson 8-3.

The Titans picked up their first WIAC win of the season and UWO is now 1-1 in conference



Courtesy of Steve Frommell / UWO Athletics

UWO doubles partners Olivia Pethan and Alysa Pattee celebrate after the Titans' match win.

play. Oshkosh will travel to two WIAC away games Oct. 2 against UW-Stout at UW-Stout South Tennis Courts and UW-Eau Claire at North High School Tennis Courts.

Coach Francour said it will be important for the team to continue to develop their cohesiveness in doubles teams.

"Success starts with strong doubles and that can create momentum for singles," Francour said. "It will take a strong effort to play two matches on Saturday and play at a high level. A great week of preparation will help us get ready for this Saturday's match."

Students present for TRIO

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Last Thursday, TRIO was proud to display what its McNair Scholars were researching over the summer during the 2024 McNair Showcase held in the UWO Culver Center.

TRIO is a program funded by grants from the U.S. Department of Education that primarily aims to support first generation, low-income and minority students.

This year was the 17th year UWO could offer the McNair Scholars Program sponsored by a TRIO grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

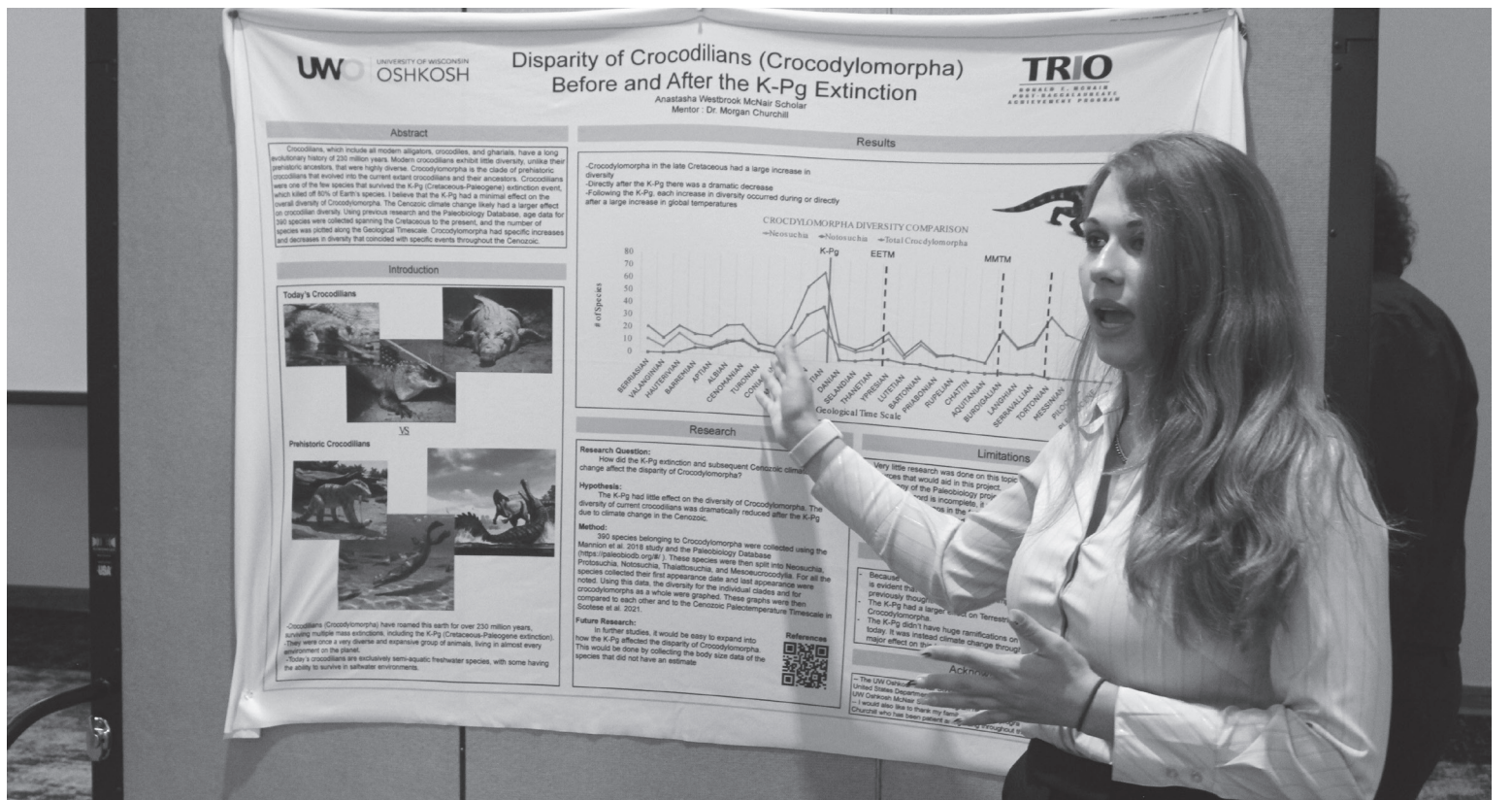
As TRIO often works with minorities and first generation students, the McNair Scholars Program mirrored these views, prioritizing students who otherwise might not have gotten an opportunity like this.

“The reason why I got in was one, the recommendation, and two, I’m Native American,” McNair Scholar Anastasha Westbrook said. “And the program does try to include a lot of minorities.”

Westbrook’s project focused on crocodilian diversity ranging from the cretaceous era to the present day.

Furthermore, a lot of the obstacles these students faced in life became their inspiration for their projects.

“I remembered it being when I was young, I experienced food insecurity. I remember when Michelle Obama did the healthy eating initiative... I remember being 10 and being like, ‘I can’t afford fruits and vegetables,’” McNair Scholar Aspy Rafac said. “So that kind of sent me down the pipeline of looking at food insecurity in the



Anastasha Westbrook presents her research, “Diversity and Disparity of Crocodilians (Crocodylomorpha) Before and After the K-Pg Extinction,” at the 2024 McNair showcase Sept. 27.

United States.” The program requires students to work alongside a mentor from UWO to help them get their feet off the ground and to have someone to guide them.

McNair Scholar Amanda Pierron studied the mobilization of feminism in the Upper Midwest from 1970 to the present day by state.

“[My mentor] did this work at the global level,” Pierron said. “So we wanted to take it on a smaller scale in U.S. states because U.S. states are extremely important to feminist-related issues.”

While students could also get a good foot into their desired

field by working alongside their mentors, in some cases they also formed great bonds.

“I’ve taken her classes a lot. I think I was in two semesters of her courses and then I went abroad with her too,” Thao said. “So I feel like we kind of have a special bond.”

The UWO McNair Scholars program received \$272,364 in federal funds for 2023-2024. This money was used to fund 15 UWO students in their research over the summer.

“[The McNair program] really funded everything that I’ve done,” McNair Scholar Piper Novy said. “They funded me for instrument

time for getting analysis data and stuff like that and they’ve been very supportive throughout all of it.”

On top of the funding used for the materials for their projects, students were also paid during the summer for their work.

“It gave me the opportunity to work on this over the summer,” McNair Scholar Damon Braatz said.

The McNair Scholars program is a very prestigious program that simply being a part of has long-term benefits for the scholars.

“I was able to get research experience that would help me get into grad school,” Westbrook said.

“Kind of a caveat of how to apply to graduate school, how to actually get into grad school, and everything.”

Even more immediate than graduate school, scholars had a better opportunity to continue their research if they wanted to.

“[I plan to continue] working on those experimental studies we’re doing this semester,” said Braatz.

If students are interested in the McNair Scholars Program, you can find more information at uwosh.edu/mcnairscholars or by emailing McNair Program Director, Cordelia Bowlus, at bowlusc@uwosh.edu.

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A large grid of letters for a word search puzzle. The letters are arranged in 20 rows and 25 columns.

Find these words from this week's issue!

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- DEFICIT
- HEALTH
- VENDING
- LOAN
- DRUG
- HUB
- ADRENALINE
- WINNEBAGO
- LANDLORDS
- RADFORD
- POLICE
- VIBES
- PROCESSION
- OFFENSE
- BULGARY
- PARTIES

We want house parties back!

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It's no secret that UW Oshkosh was once known for its crazy house parties. After all, we didn't get the name "Sloshkosh" for no reason.

Recently, however, we haven't been living up to our name, and I've been missing the wild parties we were once known for.

I'm not sure if it's the vibes, the freshman-year nostalgia, the adrenaline rush of running from a raided house or just the status of being a renowned party town, but I know I'm not alone when I say I want house parties back.

Oshkosh used to be a hotspot for house parties, but in recent years it's been a graveyard. If I had to guess why, I would say it's a combination of stricter landlords, unruly guests, and the cumulative antisocial effects of the pandemic.

At this point, the only house parties are more intimate parties, and the ones that take place during fall and spring Pub Crawl. Whatever the reason may be, I think it's time for us to bring them back, and UWO students seem to agree.

One senior, Erica Kommer, said she missed house parties because of the "unique vibe" and the nostalgia.

"The memories that I have from going to house parties my freshman and sophomore year are like none other," Kommer said. "There's nothing like a house party. Going to the bar will never match the vibe of going to a house party with your friends."

I definitely agree with Kommer. The vibes at house parties are much more fun and wild in comparison to the vibes at the bars. Bars have to follow certain rules and regulations, ones that house parties don't have to adhere to. There's much more freedom, allowing for even crazier memories.

As another student, Jacob Kremer said, more freedom means more games like beer pong, flip cup, etc. This freedom also translates to the



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Two UW Oshkosh students having fun and smiling for a photo get photobombed at one of UWOs infamous house parties.

music, in which partygoers have more say in the songs being played.

I also just like the community house parties give. Kremer seems to agree, saying that he likes "being able to connect with other students on campus." There's something about partying with people you go to school with that really creates a (trauma?) bond and sense of togetherness at our university, a necessity with all the crap going on with administration.

UWO senior Sydney Antczak said that house parties around campus also means less of a chance of getting hit on by old, creepy men.

She also enjoys the cost-effectiveness of house parties.

"I like house parties because I don't have to pay for drinks and can drink whatever I want without having to settle for whatever they have at the bar," Antczak said.

In addition to being cost-effective liquor-wise, you don't need to put on any special outfit to go to house parties. Whatever you have in your wardrobe is good enough.

Another student, Skyler Raye, agreed with this sentiment.

"I like going to house parties because you can pretty much wear whatever you want," Raye said.

"The bars have definitely gotten more casual, but it's still a public place. All bets are off at house parties, though, and that's what makes it more fun. Everyone's just there to have a good time."

House parties are an essential part of the college experience, especially here at UWO.

UWO student Taisto Oney shared his frustrations with this.

"I want house parties back because I haven't had the opportunity to go to one yet," Oney said. "I feel like house parties are a major part of the college experience, and I don't want to miss out on that."

And who can blame him? We once had a great reputation for house parties, and it's time to get that title back so more students can experience it.

I mean, talk about retention rates! This might actually help increase student enrollment.

Whether it's the vibes, the sense of community, the casualness, the cost-effectiveness, the freedom, the nostalgia or just the pure, unadulterated fun, the consensus is the same: It's time to bring house parties back.

Is UWO dealing with the deficit?

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As by now we are all too aware, the Universities of Wisconsin are going through some major financial problems, and UW Oshkosh seems to be doing worst of all.

We started last year with a projected \$18 million deficit, and per the Institutional Realignment Plan (IRP), laid off 140 staff and faculty members in an effort to close the gap.

Despite the layoffs and "cutting other kinds of expenses" as Leavitt said — exactly all of what those expenses were is undisclosed — we still ended the 2023-24 academic year in an \$8 million deficit.

Luckily, we received a loan from the Universities of Wisconsin to help hopefully destroy this deficit once and for all according to Spectrum News.

While this loan will certainly help mitigate the deficit, I'm starting to wonder if this loan is being used on

more than repaying our deficit.

I don't know about everyone else, but I know that I'm in extreme saving mode when I'm in debt, so watching the university act like we aren't still in a deficit is definitely a little confusing.

In part of a plan administration calls UWO 2.0, the university will be going through some changes such as a new academic and faculty position control model along with some building demolitions to contribute to a more sustainable campus.

These demolitions include residence halls such as Donner, Webster and Radford as well as the Gruenhagen Conference Center.

Thankfully, we are receiving state funding to cover the costs because, while these demolitions are definitely necessary, they are not timely and should be done when we have more money.

If anything, we should be using state funding to get out of this cash hole before we receive any money

for demolitions.

Luckily, demolitions are much more cost effective than renovations, like the unnecessary ones (still) being done on Scotty's Market, a construction project that was supposed to be done over the summer, but likely won't be done until next semester. At the present moment, the new structure will be a 24/7 self-serve convenience store (don't we already have a convenience store?) sure to create revenue from responsible freshmen that absolutely won't steal from it after coming back drunk from house parties and Kelly's Bar at 1 a.m.

Lastly, administration has added a new room at the front end of Reeve by the Student Engagement Center called "The Hub," a room filled with vintage arcade games, lounge areas, a bookshelf, some study areas and other games such as a dart board and Connect Four.

While I'm sure it wasn't too expensive, I still think we should be in money-saving mode until we pay



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"The Hub" is located in Reeve 104 by the Student Engagement Center and is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

off this deficit, especially considering the 140 staff and faculty members we had to lay off. I can imagine that these purchases might feel like a slap in the face to those laid

off, especially considering our professors and staff members are what make UWO students successful — not its buildings or places.

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