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UWO chancellor candidate Manohar Singh answers questions in front of a crowd of students, faculty and staff in Reeve during an April 8 open form.

Manohar Singh wants collaboration

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Manohar Singh, one of four candidates for the position of UW Oshkosh's next chancellor, said that collaboration and strategic decision making can help UWO get back on track during an open panel April 8.

"The strength of an institution is not the buildings, the assets, not even the money," he said. "The strength of an institution is the people that we have. And I really mean it."

UWO's 11th Chancellor Andrew Leavitt, who has been the chancellor since Fall 2014, is set to step down after this semester.

A pool of candidates for the position was narrowed to four people: Singh, Joe Whitehead Jr., Amy Hietapelto and Robert Brinkmann.

Singh said he sees a lot of potential in UWO's trajectory in the coming years.

"You have done a lot of hard work, a lot of work that requires sacrifices," he said. "The entire higher education landscape in this country and, to some extent, globally, is facing very deep financial, structural deficits and

enrollment declines, general skepticism."

Singh said that, as part of his roles in higher education, he often found himself collaborating with the community.

As dean of the School of Professional Studies, Singh said he was tasked by the president to reestablish a program, which involved fundraising a \$10 million endowment.

"We collaborated with local hospitals, local insurance companies, ... local legislators from within the state of California," he said. "Within six months, we were able to hit that target."

Singh said that this was only possible because of collaboration with the community.

"It does take a village, and that's my favorite thing to say," he said.

Singh said that collaboration within the university, including shared governance, is crucial to success. When he joined Western Connecticut State University (WCSU), a survey scored the previous year's shared governance as a 3.6. After one year, it's up to 6.9.

"There has to be a goal, a vision, that everybody feels is

their vision; it's a shared vision," he said. "Especially if you are in financial turmoil. ... The biggest thing is, the leader must be having a thoughtful blueprint in mind, which can be offered to faculty, staff, students, stakeholders, foundation board, Board of Regents, chancellor's office."

At WCSU, Singh said he oversaw the elimination of the deficit from \$12 million to \$4.5 million in the first year. Additionally, Singh said enrollment is up by 10.1% from spring-to-spring.

Singh said that facilitating conversations and communicating played a large role in building effective, strategic plans to overcome the problems facing higher education, such as financial and enrollment difficulties.

"Be the leader who can facilitate the conversations," he said. "Be the leader who can communicate transparently. Show integrity as a person and as a commitment to the vision. Be humble enough to seek support."

Singh pointed to affordability, accessibility, program innovation and retaining students once they've been recruited as the four key points behind his success.

He also said that being visible

to the campus and the community at large and providing students with a sense of belonging has helped him drastically improve retention.

"[My students] demand boldly what they need," he said. "That's an important thing. Can they boldly ask for something? ... They feel empowered; they want to continue."

Singh has served as the interim president of WCSU since August 2023, where he helped the institution navigate through financial and enrollment challenges, as well as leading the establishment of the School for Graduate, International and Career Studies.

Prior to serving as interim president, Singh served as dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies at Southern Connecticut State University, where he oversaw a 39% enrollment growth.

He served as the dean of the College of Professional Studies at Humboldt State University prior to this.

Singh's full CV can be viewed at uwosh.edu/chancellor/wp-content/uploads/sites/69/2025/04/Singh-Manohar-CV.pdf.

Whitehead outlines vision for UWO

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Joe Whitehead, Jr., one of four candidates for the position of UW Oshkosh's next chancellor, said that overcoming obstacles through communication and cooperation will be key to the university's success during an open panel April 7.

"We need to take the challenges that we have and turn those challenges into opportunities," he said. "We find another way around the challenge and it becomes an opportunity."

Whitehead said that there needs to be a focus on staff and faculty at the university.

"When I looked at all the reports that were done analyzing ... each university, I read the reports for UWO, and there was one thing missing: It didn't talk about the faculty people."

Whitehead also said he believes that instructors can help improve the quality of education in the classroom through external experiences in their fields.

"Can we have faculty and staff go out externally and engage with what's going on there?" he said. "They bring it back to the classroom. And they then make what they're teaching relevant to the students."

He said that the location of UWO can make this more practical, and can help to bolster the appeal of the university to both prospective and current students.

"UWO is in a great location compared to some other universities," Whitehead said. "There's a manufacturing base, there's a population base, we have a river run through town. I thought I was in Mississippi for a while."

He said that he's opposed to scrapping everything and starting completely fresh, which is an approach that is often utilized by new chancellors and other new administrative officials.

"Not the way to do business," he said. "You have to assess what's already there and see if the pieces fit or not. ... So I'll go through that process of looking at a leadership team."

Whitehead said he sees a well-functioning team as essential to making informed, rational decisions.

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(Left) People on Main Street in downtown Oshkosh protest Donald Trump and Elon Musk April 5 during a series of protests across the country. (Right) Seven-year-old Lydia Parrish and her mom Amber Parrish holding their signs at the Oshkosh protest.

Oshkosh, Appleton host “Hands Off!” protests

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Large groups assembled in Oshkosh and Appleton on April 5 to protest the actions of President Donald Trump and his counterpart Elon Musk. The protests were part of a mass mobilization of over 1200 protests in all 50 states, and were just two of the 39 scheduled in Wisconsin.

Signs at the gathering read things like, “Defend Democracy” and “Stop Project 2025.” Attendees chanted and cheered at passing cars who honked to show their support.

State Representative Lori Palmeri attended the protest in Oshkosh and gave a speech.

“I’m mad as hell and I think you are too,” Palmeri said in her speech. “We are here because

we want to protect our vulnerable friends, family and neighbors. We are here to oppose the oligarchy.”

Trump has issued over 100 executive orders since taking office in January, and Elon Musk’s Department of Government Efficiency has targeted Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the National Institutes of Health and more.

Palmeri encouraged other attendees to take their energy beyond rallies and volunteer to help friends, attend town hall and school board meetings and run for office.

The protest was organized by Peter Andorfer, an Oshkosh resident, after the continuing resolution was passed by congress in March. Andorfer began looking for solutions and worked with

Indivisible, an activist group that opposes Trump and supports progressive policies. He said he was also part of a group of 6 other people, those of which he hadn’t known long enough yet to remember their names.

“I’m not sure if this is the solution, we’re just getting started. But I think based on the turnout today, we’re probably on the right track,” Andorfer said.

“We’re in trouble, but we’re not sunk. So we’re organizing grassroots efforts all across the country,” Andorfer said. “We’re doing people power.”

One other group of protesters in Oshkosh were mother-daughter duo Amber Parrish, and her seven-year-old daughter, Lydia. As she stood with a sign that was half her size, Lydia spoke about why she joined her mom that Saturday.

“Every year mommy was asking, do you want to go protesting? And I always said no because I didn’t really know what it was. And this one, I really wanted to go,” Lydia said. “We’re protesting for people of color and women’s rights. My sister has darker skin, so we’re protesting for her.”

Amber said that not every parent believes the same things as their kids, but that they should support their kids, whatever it may look like.

“So, and I’m here just to teach her how to use her voice if she feels passionately about something, and obviously here to make sure that she’s got a future and that my older two kids have a future,” Amber said.

Whitehead: Open, effective communication is key

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“I label myself as a servant leader,” he said. “I don’t know everything, and so I need to have the input of others with expertise. ... Not any one person can understand all the complex information out there. You can provide the opportunity for the team members to provide input and value that input.”

This doesn’t only happen within the university’s administration, though. Whitehead said that getting input from all levels of authority on campus, such as chairs and departments across campus, is essential.

“Shared governance determines how innovative a university can be,” he said.

Being open and communicative, Whitehead said, allows governance on all levels to function well.

“There are restraints on how things are done,” he said. “But, again, communication, communication. ... Let’s think about internal communication and how we can maximize it and bring people along. And I go back to why. If we can explain why we’re doing things, that will help also in

building consensus and building buy-in as we move forward as an institution.”

Whitehead currently serves as the senior advisor to the President for Regional Science Initiatives and as a physics professor at Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

His past administrative experiences include serving as chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy and as an associate and dean of the College of Science and Technology at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Whitehead has also served as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at North Carolina A&T State University, senior advisor for research for the University of North Carolina System and provost and senior vice president at Bowling Green State University.

He earned his B.S. degree in physics from Delta State University and his M.A. and Ph.D. in physics from Kent State University.

From there, Whitehead was a research scientist at the Georgia Tech Research Institute before he joined the Department of

Physics & Astronomy faculty at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Whitehead’s full CV can be viewed at uwosh.edu/chancellor/wp-content/uploads/sites/69/2025/04/Whitehead-Joe-CV.pdf.

To read about the other two chancellor candidates, Amy Hietapelto and Robert Brinkmann, visit advancetitan.com.



Joe Whitehead Jr.



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Senators sit in the U.S. Senate Chamber last year. Wisconsin U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin introduced the Winter Recreation Small Business Recover Act April 4, 2025.

‘Fighting to give these businesses a lifeline’

Baldwin co-authors winter weather disaster relief bill to support local communities

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Wisconsin U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin introduced the Winter Recreation Small Business Recovery Act to the Senate floor April 4 alongside Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) and Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI).

Baldwin said that Wisconsin’s cold winters are a part of the state’s identity and a major economic driver.

“Folks travel from near and far to go snowmobiling or skiing, staying in our local hotels, shopping on Main Streets, and eating and drinking in our bars and restaurants,” Baldwin said.

“But, recent winters have been some of Wisconsin’s warmest-ever, and our local businesses and communities are feeling that impact. I’m fighting to give these businesses a lifeline so they can continue to support jobs in our communities and stay open for business for Wisconsinites and visitors alike.”

According to Baldwin, the bill would ensure businesses that rely on winter weather can get disaster relief through the Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Injury Disaster Loans during mild winters that do not produce enough snow.

The loan program at SBA is designed to provide small busi-

nesses with the funds they need to operate while they recover from a natural or other disaster, but the only winter natural disasters that qualify for the program are droughts, ice storms or blizzards.

The legislation comes after the Wisconsin State Climatology summary reported that last year’s winter months had an average temperature of 28.3 degrees, the highest average ever recorded.

Snowfall totals have also been below normal in northern Wisconsin. Vilas County, which is home to over 500 miles of snowmobile and cross-country ski trails, recorded 67.9 inches of snow in Phelps this winter. Ac-

cording to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Phelps averages 82.3 inches of snow during a normal winter season.

Kathy Schmitz, the executive director of the Vilas County Economic Development Corporation, said that she’s grateful that Baldwin is looking to help small businesses in Wisconsin’s Northwoods.

“We fully support Sen. Baldwin’s proposed Winter Recreation Small Business Recovery Act,” Schmitz said. “While we experienced more snow this year compared to 2023-24, the lower than normal snow totals this year clearly impacted tour-



Tammy Baldwin

ism which is a strong economic driver in Vilas County. This legislation would indeed provide a lifeline for businesses who need to access critical funds to operate while they recover.”

Oshkosh to replace ozone system at Water Filtration Plant

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The city of Oshkosh announced April 2 that it is replacing the ozone system equipment at its Water Filtration Plant, and residents may notice an increased smell or taste of chlorine in the water.

City of Oshkosh Communications Coordinator Andy Radig said that the Water Filtration Plant uses a combination of ozone and chlorine to disinfect its drinking water, but the ozone equipment needs to be replaced.

“During this project, there will be periods of time that the ozone system will be offline, and chlorine will be utilized as the primary water treatment method to meet disinfection regulations,” Radig said.

The first ozone system shutdown is expected to begin April 7 and will last “a few weeks,” according to Radig. He said the ozone system may be offline multiple times during construction, but the city of Oshkosh will update the public regarding any changes to the scheduled shutdown.

To reduce the scent and taste of chlorine in the water during the ozone system shutdown, the Oshkosh Department of Public Works recommends utilizing a filter, like an activated carbon filter, to remove residual chlorine. The department also recommends pouring water into a glass or pitcher and waiting 15 to 20 minutes for the chlorine to evaporate or boiling a pot of water for 15 minutes to get the same effect.

If anyone has questions about the temporary shutdown of the ozone system, they can contact the Oshkosh Department of Public Works at 920-236-5065.



Jacob Link / Advance-Titan
Construction workers prepare to replace the ozone system at Oshkosh’s Water Filtration Plant.

‘We are the best version of us’

Women’s basketball team reflects on past season and what’s to come

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The UW Oshkosh women’s basketball team advanced to the NCAA Division III Final Four for the first time since 1996, and the Titans are confident that their success will continue into next season.

UWO head coach Brad Fischer said he remembers when he started coaching for the Titans, the goal for the program was just to make the conference tournament.

“Then [it was to] see if we could win the conference someday and maybe get back to an NCAA tournament for the first time in six or seven years,” he said. “So, for me and us going to Sweet 16, I never left seasons going, ‘this wasn’t good enough. It wasn’t the Final Four.’ Now that we’ve been here, I see why it’s a big deal for people.”

Under Fischer, the Titans have won five Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) championships, six WIAC tournament championships and have made 10 NCAA tournament appearances in his 13 seasons as the head coach.

Oshkosh guard Avery Poole, in her third year with the team, said she’s proud to see them reach their fullest potential.

“It has been so fun to watch us come together and become the best version of our team that we can,” Poole said.

Poole said it feels surreal to have made it to the Final Four this season – something she has dreamed of since she was young.

Reaching the Final Four this season doesn’t mean the grind stops. Moving into the next season, the team will lose a few of its top players such as forward Kayce Vaile, who led the team in scoring this year with 12.1 points per game. While losing teammates is always a challenge, guard Kate Huml said there are players who fans haven’t gotten to see this season.

“We are losing two or three key players from this year, but are bringing back a few that we



Courtesy of Liz Smith

UWO head coach Brad Fischer talks with his team during a timeout in a game earlier this season at the Kolf Sports Center.

missed,” Huml said. “Our team also has so much depth that we have girls capable of playing that didn’t see much court time this season.”

Next season, Huml and Poole are confident that the team will continue to be successful even with the upcoming adjustment.

“I think with all of this hard work, and the help of the coach, we will all come back better and have a fun and successful season,” Poole said.

In order to keep the momentum going, the offseason is vital for success. Huml focuses on resistance training and her shooting nearly every day. She said it’s a reset for her body after playing 30 games in a season and attending hundreds of practices.

Poole trains in her backyard with her dad during the offseason.

“I am looking forward to getting back to working out with him,” she said. “He was my coach growing up and is a huge reason why I have made it as far as I have in basketball.”

Every team has a culture, and helping new players find their place within that culture can be the difference between success and failure. Huml and Poole said that the upperclassmen lead by example.

“It’s difficult to come in as a freshman and understand all our team principles, and [it] can become overwhelming,” Huml said. “By leading and supporting the new players that come in, it can help create a smoother transition.”

Hard work, dedication and trusting the process – a lesson that coach Fischer has instilled in the

team – have been the keys to success this season. Huml said that those who show up and put in the work always get rewarded for it.

“Making it to the Final Four for the first time in 30 years is a feeling that’s hard to describe,” Huml said. “It’s so exciting, and it just shows how much work our team and coaches have put in not only during [this] season, but since ours ended last year.”

Although UWO didn’t advance to the national championship game, Fischer said he can’t describe the relationship that has developed between the city of Oshkosh and the team.

“Making people care about D-III is not a guarantee,” he said. “They can’t just flip on ESPN to find you, like people have to make an effort

to try to find your game and figure out who you play. We had so many people in Oshkosh and Wisconsin that tuned in to see the Titans win 27 times this year. And I’m proud that they changed an already incredible program and turned it into something that has never been.”

Poole said that the biggest lesson coach Fischer has taught her is even the small things matter.

“We need to work every day at practice if we want to become the best version of our team that we can,” she said. “He teaches us that the work you put in at the beginning of the season gets you to the end of the season. All that matters is that when the NCAA tournament hits, we are the best version of us that we can be.”

Milwaukee Brewers have brighter days ahead

Sports Column

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Heading into the regular season, this was one of the first years as a lifelong fan I didn’t have play-off aspirations for the Brewers. I knew it’d be tough replacing Willy Adames in the clubhouse and in the lineup, the departure of Devin Williams was tough, and so many injuries in Spring Training gave me little hope. But after seeing these first 10 games and the resilience of this roster, I believe we can still win the NL Central.

It was obviously going to be a tough April after Curt Hogg published the Brewers opening day roster. On the injured list (IL) section, you see starting pitchers Brandon Woodruff, DL Hall, Robert Gasser and Tobias Myers each started the

season on the IL along with relief pitcher Nick Mears and outfielder Blake Perkins, which meant our depth was going to be tested early. Little did we know it’d only get worse.

Starting pitchers Aaron Civale and Nestor Cortes have since joined them on the IL after struggling early in the season with injuries, and also No.6 prospect per MLB Pipeline Tyler Black injured his hip, adding to the already long injured list for Milwaukee.

The Milwaukee Brewers are 5-5 at the time of writing this, and if everyone’s recovery goes along with their timetable, there are even brighter days upon this team. Fielding will improve when Perkins is back, the rotation is going to look completely different and Mears return soon should bolster an already great pen.

Recently coming off their 11th straight series win against the Cin-

cinnati Reds, momentum is picking up for the Brew Crew. Pitchers like Tyler Alexander and Chad Patrick are stepping up massively in a time of desperation, especially in that series.

Milwaukee’s farm system and ability to get the most out of pitchers have stood tall through thick and thin so far. Alexander last season had a 5.0 ERA with the Tampa Bay Rays and Patrick’s playing in his first Major League Baseball season.

They’ve already used 15 different pitchers in nine games, and it’s safe to say that’s thanks to a rough Spring Training. It seems the Brewers prepared for this; according to fangraphs.com, the team brought in four new starters in the offseason. Which I assume was to prepare for the long first month of the season.

Jose Quintana, who was one of the offseason pitching acquisitions, should be ready for the majors soon. Mears has been pitching in Nash-

ville after a recent rehab assignment, before he is eligible to come off the IL April 8, according to mlb.com.

During the process of writing this column the Milwaukee Brewers added even more starting pitching depth to supplement the mass amount of injuries that have occurred.

“Milwaukee made a trade Monday for 24-year-old right-hander Quinn Priester, sending its No. 7 prospect per MLB Pipeline, outfielder Yophery Rodriguez, to the Red Sox plus a draft pick in Competitive Balance Round A and a player to be named,” Brewers beat writer Adam McCalvy broke on mlb.com.

Which to me comes as no surprise. The package Milwaukee is sending out shocks me, but I understand. The Brewers desperately need innings eaters and should be able to get the best out of Priester

with some time in the pitching lab. Priester has yet to pitch an inning this season in the majors, but last season had a 4.71 earned run average in 49.2 innings and was previously ranked 60th on MLB Pipeline’s list of top prospects as recently as 2023, so there’s something there.

Brewers general manager Matt Arnold said on mlb.com that the team’s scouts have liked Priester since his high school days. The move wasn’t just for the now, but also for the future.

More pitchers will be joining Mears, Priester and Quintana on the pitching staff if everything goes to plan, and the Milwaukee Brewers will get better, or should I say healthier.

If Milwaukee stays near the top of the NL Central while they get healthy, don’t be shocked when they’re celebrating the club’s fourth division title in the last five years.



Jess Duch / Advance-Titan
Olivia Baugnet, a utility position player for UW Oshkosh, reaches base during the season opening series for the team against Concordia-Wisconsin on Feb 22.

UWO softball wins four game homestand

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The UW Oshkosh softball team cruised to an easy doubleheader sweep in their opener at UWO Softball Park on April 5. The Titans swept Carroll University (Wisconsin) with scores of 8-0 in five innings and 8-2 in game two. Sydney Nemetz took the win in game one, going 5 IP with five K's, and Morgan Miller took the win in the second game with Brianna Bougie recording the save.

UWO opened the scoring in the first game with a two run homer from Sophie Wery in the second

inning. Due to a fielding error that allowed Amanda Martinek to reach first, the Titans were able to take advantage.

UWO tallied three runs off the mistake to go up 6-0 behind a single from Morgan Rau that scored Martinek, a fielder's choice that Sydney Rau scored on and a double from Wery that scored M. Rau and Olivia Ullman.

A single from Ullman in the following inning scored two more to give the Titans and that allowed UWO to end the first game early in the 5th inning with an 8-0 win.

The second game started im-

mediately with the Titans putting up runs. A walk by Abby Garceau and a single by S. Rau with both advancing a base set up a two run single from Ullman to give UWO an early 2-0 lead. Ullman was sent home by a double from Cali Divito later in the inning to make it 3-0 UWO.

The Pioneers saw two come across in the second inning behind back to back singles to make it a 3-2 game. But that was the only scoring that Carroll would get all day. UWO brought one home in the fourth behind a home run from Divito to make it 4-2 UWO. It was the following in-

ning where the Titans opened the floodgates. Garceau stole second off of a walk to start the inning. A single by S. Rau put runners on the corners with no outs, M. Rau followed it up by hitting an RBI single to score Garceau and get her sister S. Rau up to second while giving UWO a 5-2 lead. A single by Wery later in the inning ended up scoring one and a double by Sarah Hammerton scored two to give UWO an 8-2 lead. Bougie pitched the final two innings to close out an 8-2 win for the Titans, recording zero hits on three strikeouts.

Titans returned home on April

8th for a doubleheader against Marian University at the Rec Plex Dome. UWO swept Marian with scores of 4-1 and 8-0. Nemetz got the win in game one and Bougie got the save with Miller recording the win in game two with Skyler Calmes recording the save.

The Titans went on the road to De Pere, Wisc to face off against St. Norbert College on April 9th and have a doubleheader at UW-La Crosse on April 12 with game one starting at 1 p.m. and game two at 3 p.m.. You can check the results of the games against St. Norbert at uwoshkostitans.com

Baseball swept at home by UW-La Crosse

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The UW Oshkosh baseball team faced off against UW-La Crosse April 5 and April 6, in a four-game series at Tiedemann Field at Alumni Stadium and were swept in their second Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) series of the year, the opposite of last weekend against UW-Platteville.

UWO (13-7, 4-4 WIAC) went into the weekend ranked 24th in the nation according to D3baseball.com's poll, and is now in jeopardy of falling out after a weak performance against conference opponent UWL (17-2, 8-0 WIAC).

Connor Brinkman started the weekend off on the mound for the Titans in an 11-4 loss and went 6.2 innings, which surpassed his head coach Kevin Tomasiewicz in career innings pitched. The loss fell on Brinkman as he allowed eight earned runs while striking out seven bringing his record to 3-2 on the season.

UWO's Ryan Richter followed on the mound and had his first of two scoreless appearances in the series, going 1.1 innings. Titan Parker Thompson pitched the last inning of the game and gave up two home runs, which led to three earned on his box score.

Both Titans Jake Surane and Logan Schill hit homers, accounting for three of the four runs scored by the Titans. Surane went 3-for-

4 with two RBIs and two runs scored himself along with his homer. Schill in the leadoff spot went 3-for-5 with a solo homer and two runs.

The second game of the day concluded early in the eighth inning with a final score of 15-4. It got out of hand quickly as the Titans found themselves chasing in the first after UWL scored five runs in the top of the inning.

Mason Kirchberg responded immediately with a two run homer in the first inning that scored Schill, but no one else could follow.

Starting pitcher Connor Walters pitched four innings and gave up eight runs (seven earned) with six strikeouts and three walks; the loss again fell on the starter, bringing Walters' season record to 3-2.

Titans Aaron Huibregtse and Vann Olson followed Walters on the mound with strong innings, but the scoring onslaught continued for the Falcons when Titan Alex Windey gave up four more runs in the seventh inning. Kael Johns closed the game out for UWO with two earned runs in one inning.

In the midst of madness for Oshkosh in the seventh, Kirchberg hit his second two-run homer of the game, driving in Nick Shiu this time. Kirchberg finished the game 2-for-4 with two home runs and four RBIs. Titan Owen Housinger also went 2-for-4.

The April 6 games didn't go any better for the Titans. UWO

found themselves facing an eight-run deficit in the first game before scoring a single run.

Carter Stebane broke up the shutout UWL had going into the seventh inning with a solo shot, his second of the season, and the first run of the day for the Titans. UWO's Shiu and Surane hit two RBI singles in a ninth inning rally, but the Titans fell short of a comeback, marking the end score 10-5. It was the closest game of the weekend between the two teams.

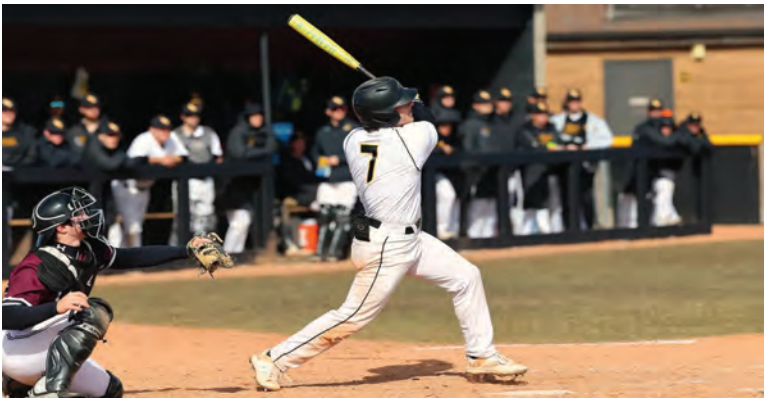
Josh Jansen was on the mound for UWO and pitched 5.2 innings, where Jansen gave up six runs (five earned), walked six batters and struck out six. Grant Schultz closed out the sixth inning, but not before giving up a three-run homer.

Titan Benje Hencke was given the ball in the seventh inning, where he went on to pitch 2.1 innings and give up two runs. Olson was the last pitcher to appear on the mound in the first game, where he got two quick outs.

Again the loss fell on UWO's starting pitcher, which means Jansen gets his first loss of the season tacked onto his record.

To put a staple on a tough weekend, the Titans lost the final of four games 13-2 in seven innings.

Brett Gaynor, the starting pitcher for Oshkosh, allowed three runs in the second inning which put them down 3-0 quickly. Shiu was able to respond once Gaynor got



Courtesy of Steve Frommell / UWO Athletics
Jake Surane hits a home run against UW-La Crosse on April 5.

out of the top of the inning with a two run single up the middle that scored Surane and Schill, making the score 3-2. This ended as the Titans' only runs of the game

UWL responded with 10 unanswered runs in the fourth through sixth innings leading to an early ending after UWO failed to respond in the bottom of the seventh.

Gaynor, who's now 1-2 after the loss, put up a final stat line of 4.1 innings pitched, seven earned runs, seven hits, three walks and one strikeout. Cooper Kamlay, who followed Gaynor on the mound, pitched 0.2 innings and gave up four earned runs.

After Kamlay's struggles, Olson was called upon and in his third appearance of the weekend, gave up two runs (one earned) without getting a single out. Olson handed the ball off to Nick Rector, who got out of the sixth with two strike-

outs, and Richter made his second scoreless appearance in the top of the seventh.

Shiu went 2-for-4 with two RBI's in this contest and Surane had another great game at the plate, going 3-for-4.

Over the weekend, the Titans' offense had 47 total baserunners but only scored 15 runs. It was a tough opponent who has a good pitching staff, but the team needs to be better at getting runners home.

UWO will have to capitalize on its opportunities April 9, as they take on the nation's No.1 team, UW-Whitewater, according to D3baseball.org's poll, in a doubleheader at Prucha Field at Jim Miller Stadium, starting at 1 p.m.

The Titans will also travel to Eau Claire this weekend as they face the Blugolds in a four-game series at Carson Park. The first game starts at noon, April 12.



Scoreboard

Saturday, April 5

Women’s Golf
4/7, 360 strokes
at UWL Spring Invitational
Women’s Track and Field
7/10, 64 points
at UWL Ashton May Invitational
Men’s Track and Field
2/8, 147.5 points
at UWL Ashton May Invitational
Softball (Game 1)
UWO - 8
Carroll University - 0
Softball (Game 2)
UWO - 8
Carroll University - 2
Baseball (Game 1)
UWL - 11
UWO - 4
Baseball (Game 2)
UWL - 15
UWO - 4

Sunday, April 6

Baseball (Game 1)
UWL - 10
UWO - 5
Baseball (Game 2)
UWL - 13
UWO - 2

Tuesday, April 8

Softball (Game 1)
UWO - 4
Marian University - 1
Softball (Game 2)
UWO - 8
Marian University - 0

Wednesday, April 9

Softball (Game 1)
UWO - LATE
St. Norbert College - LATE
Softball (Game 2)
UWO - LATE
St. Norbert College - LATE
Baseball (Game 1)
UWO - LATE
UWW - LATE
Baseball (Game 2)
UWO - LATE
UWW - LATE

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 11

Track and Field
at UWO Titan Invitational
Oshkosh at 10 a.m.

Saturday, April 12

Track & Field
at UWO Titan Invitational
at 10 a.m.

Softball

at UW-La Crosse
Game 1 at 1 p.m.
Game 2 at 3 p.m.

Baseball

at UW- Eau Claire
Game 1 at 12 p.m.
Game 2 at 3 p.m.

Baseball (Sunday, April 13)

at UW- Eau Claire
Game 1 at 12 p.m.
Game 2 at 3 p.m.

Women’s Golf

at Gustie Spring Invitational
Hastings, Minn. 1 p.m.

Women’s Golf (Sunday April 13)

at Gustie Spring Invitational

Women’s Tennis

at Wisconsin Lutheran College
at Jackson at 5 p.m.



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Oshkosh’s Brenna Masloroff throws the shot put at the Ashton May Invitational hosted by UW-La Crosse last weekend.

UWO opens outdoor season at La Crosse

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The UW Oshkosh men’s and women’s track and field teams placed second (147.5 points) and seventh (64 points), respectively, at the Ashton May invitational at Roger Harring Stadium Saturday afternoon.

Brenna Masloroff won the hammer throw event with a 55.57-meter toss, and then placed second in the shot put with a personal best mark of 13.10 meters.

Oshkosh’s Davian Willems won the 200-meter dash with a personal best time of 21.52 seconds,

followed by Henry Kennedy at 22.59 seconds and Michael Deluca at 22.41.

In the 400-meter dash, UWO’s Londyn Little won the event with a time of 48.68 seconds.

Then in the 100-meter dash, the Titans took three top-eight positions with Eddie Jones finishing in third in 10.72 seconds, followed by Danny Vinson in fourth at 10.75 seconds and Dylan Gramley in seventh at 10.89 seconds.

Aden Sears reset his own program record in the 110-meter hurdles with a second-place finish of 14.41 seconds.

John Thill placed fifth in the

5000-meter run and broke his personal best with a time of 15:19.52.

In the 1500-meter run, Cameron Cullen led the squad with a personal best time of 4:00.55.

Following him were Brady Lewis with a personal best of 4:07.6 and Alex Peterson with a time of 4:12.36.

In the discus, Gavin Finch won the event with a throw of 49.99 meters, followed by Kieran Maude at 41.50 meters and Bryce Hale at 40.95 meters.

For the women’s team, Gwen Feitli led the Titans in the 5000-meter run with a time of 18:46.65, placing fourth.

Emma Maly and Olivia Schwarm placed seventh and eighth, respectively, with times of 20:24.64 and 20:38.46.

Then in the 400-meter dash, Maddy LaVoi ran a 58.56 for third.

Olivia Stenzel finished second in the 800-meter run with a 2:20.21 finish. Amelia Lehman followed Stenzel with a sixth place time of 2:25.41.

The Titans will compete next at the UW-Oshkosh Invitational on April 11-12 at 10 a.m. at the Oshkosh Sports Complex.

Women’s golf places fourth at UWL spring invite

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The UW Oshkosh women’s golf team opened the 2025 spring season at the UW-La Crosse Spring Invite, where they placed fourth of seven teams.

UWO’s Josie Hofer tied for first place in the individual results with 83 strokes, and 12-over par. Hofer broke even on holes two, three and four along with the sixth, seventh and ninth holes.

Hailey Matenaer was the second-best finisher for the Titans, tying for 12th place with 88 strokes and 17-over par. UWO’s Tayren Endres tied for 18th place at 20-over par, and Chloe Strunk tied for 23rd with 23-over par.

Oshkosh’s Sophia Steel tied for 29th at 24-over par, Sydney Bornhorst placed 34th at 27-over par, Kylie Herrin placed 35th at 28-over par and Marin Bell tied for 36th at 29-over par.

In the team results, UW-La Crosse was split into two teams: UWLA and UWL B. Both teams snagged the top two spots, with UWL A taking first at +59, and UWL B placing second at +68.

UWO took fourth place



Hailey Matenaer

with a +76, behind third place UW-River Falls who finished at +70.

UW-Eau Claire, Viterbo University and UW-Stevens Point rounded out the final three team spots, with the Blugolds shooting a +78, the V-Hawks shooting a +81, and the Pointers shooting a +87.

The Titan women’s golf team will continue their spring season at the Gustie Spring Invite, hosted by Gustavus Adolphus College, at Emerald Greens Golf Course in Hastings, Minnesota, April 12 at 1 p.m.



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Josie Hofer tees off at UW-La Crosse Spring Invitational.

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HOPE to host annual Drag Show

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Helping Others Perceive Equality (HOPE) is holding its annual Drag Show in the Reeve Memorial Union Ballroom Friday, April 11, from 8:30 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Hosted by Reeve Union Board's Titan Nights, the drag show features a variety of drag queens performing popular songs in larger-than-life hair, makeup and outfits.

While the drag show is the main event, they will also have other fun activities such as bingo, an egg hunt, building a bird feeder, rock painting and more.

They will also be serving cotton candy, popcorn and late-night food.

Morgan Weber, has attended HOPE's drag shows in the past.

"It was such a fun and welcoming environment," Weber said. "The drag queens really go all out with their outfit[s]."

Drag queens aren't the only ones performing, however.

"A lot of [the drag queens] were very engaged with the audience," Weber said. "They would walk out into the aisles and pick on random people and sing with them and stuff."

The drag show doesn't just



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One drag queen donned in sunflowers and frills takes the stage and performs at one of HOPE's past drag shows.

entertain, but also inspires participants with the show's diversity and the drag queens' self-expression.

"Seeing the diversity [in the show] as well as the confidence

they all had was very inspiring," Ava Nygaard, a student who attended her first drag show at UWO, said. "[It] made me feel like it was a very welcoming environment for those individuals

to be able to express themselves overall."

Weber also found the self-expression to be equally inspiring and entertaining.

"I think my favorite thing

about the drag show is how everyone gets to express themselves on stage," she said. "They get to do something they really enjoy in front of an engaged audience."

Green Bay prepares for NFL draft

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With the 2025 NFL Draft coming to Green Bay this month, residents of the area said they are preparing for the mass amount of people coming to the city, or getting ready to attend the event themselves.

The annual three-day draft takes place between April 24 and 26 and is the second time Wisconsin is hosting, with the first happening in Milwaukee in 1940.

Last year, Detroit broke the record with over 700,000 people attending the draft over the three days. Just like last year, the draft will be free to attend in terms of admission to gather more people to the event.

Being the NFL's smallest market in terms of population, businesses and cities around the area have been preparing for over a year for the influx of visitors to Titledown.

With parking already being a common issue on Packer gamedays with the area's lack of parking lots, transportation for this event is a topic of discussion among many for those attending.

Logan Seymour, a student at the UW Oshkosh, said he and his friends plan on using an Uber to get to the draft due to the traffic and limited parking spaces in the area.

"I've heard it's going to be a mess to find parking and that there's going to be a lot of people parking in yards just like they do for Packer games," Seymour said, referring to locals renting out space on their properties for people



Courtesy of the Green Bay Packers

Home to both the Green Bay Packers and Lambeau Field, Green Bay will be hosting this year's NFL Draft in late April.

ple to park for big events. "A lot of people I talked to ... are just planning on Ubering there and paying [those] fees instead of dealing with the stress of parking."

Seymour said he noticed Green Bay and surrounding areas have been building a lot of hotels recently and that the event will be huge for the area economically with the number of people coming in.

"Some residents are going to be upset just because there's going to be so much foot traffic, but overall it will be great for the city," he said. "The hotels are going to be booked, the restaurants and bars are going to be packed all week and people are going to be shopping around the area."

One resident of Green Bay who also attends UWO, Grant Burg,

said that he has many friends and family attending the draft, and that they needed to plan accordingly for the number of people the event will bring in.

"They have been preparing by trying to find parking for the draft and planning what time they will have to leave to make it on time," Burg said. "I don't think it will be chaotic during the draft specifically but I do think the traffic situation will be the biggest issue."

Event workers like Kenny Satori, who is working security for the draft to fundraise for the UWO football team, also find themselves not knowing exactly what their plan for transportation is.

"I honestly have no idea where we are going to park, honestly we haven't been preparing at all," Satori said. "I know for Packer games

it's very difficult to find a spot to park, so I think it will be that but 10 times worse. With parking for a normal game, Lambeau can only hold 80,000 [people] so it will definitely be interesting to see how it's all handled."

Satori, who lives 15 minutes away from Green Bay in Denmark, said the area has been preparing for this event for years by adding apartment buildings and hotels, knowing gatherings like this only happen so often.

"It's hard not to notice," he said. "Depending on how it goes, this might be the only time [the draft] is ever in Green Bay so everybody wants to see it here."

Satori said he hopes this event goes well economically for the city, and that he hopes he can see another draft in Wisconsin during

his lifetime.

"I think it will definitely be chaotic, I don't think there's any way around that," he said. "When you get a smaller city like Green Bay to hold three or four times its population it could be very difficult, especially for the locals that have never seen anything like this before."

Satori said that working security and being able to attend the NFL Draft will be the coolest job he's ever done and that no matter how many people show up, his mind will be blown.

"[The draft] will mean nothing but good things for Green Bay," he said. "But as the saying goes, you get out what you put in, so we'll see how Green Bay and the Packers handle this [in] April."



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UW Oshkosh students pack into Titan Underground inside the Reeve Memorial Union to watch the Super Bowl earlier this year as part of a Reeve Union Board event.

Students must get involved on campus

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Belonging – we all want to feel it. We start thinking about it the minute we step onto this campus as a freshman. Yet, I know my fair share of students who stepped off this campus at the end of their undergraduate years and failed to ever really experience the word.

Despite your level in school, you may be thinking the same thoughts as a freshman: What will the next four years bring? Will I have made lifelong friendships? Will I have succeeded?

There’s a way to increase your chances of a positive outcome: throughout your time in

college, join at least one student organization.

UW Oshkosh has over 220 organizations listed on its student organization website called Presence. Its associated app, called Involve, had 268 events listed from the fall 2024 semester. That’s with just 65 of the student organizations registered on the app. There are so many ways to get involved on campus and so many reasons why you should.

“We hope that by joining a club or organization, [students are] able to meet new people, form friendships and then hopefully feel connected to other people and to the institution and then want to stay around longer,” Dylan Bram, the program advisor for Reeve Union Board

and Late Night Programming at UWO, said.

Student involvement increases the likelihood of success as a college student. Several studies show that students involved in co-curriculars usually have a higher GPA and are more likely to persist into the next academic year.

Involvement in student organizations also looks great on a résumé. Research at the Ohio State University found that students who were minimally involved in extracurriculars were more hireable than those who were never involved on campus. Additionally, those who were highly involved were more career-ready than students who were minimally involved or not involved at all.

The social connections gained within student involvement have many mental and physical health benefits. According to the CDC, social connection can help lower the chance of chronic disease or serious illness. Building relationships can also improve how we manage our anxiety and depression, and improve how we sleep.

With so many benefits, joining a student organization seems obvious. But what if you’re nervous to show up, especially by yourself?

If you attend an event hosted by Reeve Union Board, Bram said he encourages you to try one event to see how welcoming they are.

“Just step foot in the door and

just see what [you] experience,” Bram said. “When they come to our events, we’re always pretty cognizant of trying to greet them right away, see how they’re doing and just make sure that they feel a connection and that they’re not just being overlooked.”

With so many organizations on campus, there’s something for everyone. Even if it’s not an organization, it could be research, volunteering, or even a campus job. Human connection is so important and the benefits are abundant. The best way to find those connections and reap the benefits is by joining at least one student organization. Maybe you’ll even feel that sense of belonging.

Student shares thoughts on Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin

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Students on the UW Oshkosh campus listen to all different types of music. This week, Radio TV Film student Thomas Heisel decided to share with the Advance-Titan what his taste is.

Heisel said that his all-time favorite band is Pink Floyd, but Led Zeppelin and Queen are also some of the very best.

“I find [Pink Floyd’s] music to really speak to me,” he said.

Heisel said more about his love of Pink Floyd, saying that his favorite album of theirs is “Wish You Were Here.”

“That album is a really soulful album, it’s dedicated to an old bandmate of theirs, Syd Barrett,” he said. “It’s just a wonderful album, it’s got the song ‘Shine On You Crazy Diamond,’ which is 15

minutes long in total but it’s a wonderful composition of nine parts. It’s really good. The album is just a beautiful tribute that just makes you happy, sad and angry. It gives you all those feelings in one.”

Recently, he has also been listening to more Led Zeppelin. Currently, he said he is working through their album “In Through The Out Door.”

“It’s a really interesting album,” he said. “A lot of people don’t seem to like it but I find some of it good. There is a song called ‘Hot Dog’ which is a folk-rock song that people just didn’t like but I dig it, it’s fun.”

The last thing Heisel discussed is what he thinks more students should be listening to which, predictably, was Pink Floyd.

“I think a lot of people should give them more of a try, especially if you’re going for a walk,” he



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Pink Floyd’s 1973 album “Dark Side of the Moon” sold over 45 million copies worldwide.

said. “I’d say a lot from their album, ‘The Wall’ has a really good rhythm to walk to.”

For those who are not sure if they could get into the band, Heisel also recommended what he thinks

is a great album to start with.

“I’d say a starting point is ‘The Division Bell.’” he said. “It’s a very good entry level kind of album where it has some of their weirdness and avant-garde kind of

stuff but it’s mixed with more traditional, slightly shorter songs.”

If you want to listen to the music mentioned above, it can be streamed anywhere you listen to music.