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Titans Day of Giving generates \$198,389

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A record \$198,389 was raised during this year's Titans Day of Giving fundraising campaign Sept. 12, which helps fund scholarships, academic and curricular programs and provides resources for students and faculty.

463 donors pitched in to help the university surpass its original \$150,000 donation goal. Last year, the university posted a \$100,000 goal and surpassed it by more than \$5,000.

UW Oshkosh Provost Ed Martini said that raising more than \$48,000 over this year's target amount speaks volumes about everyone associated with the university.

"We're thrilled with surpassing the goal

and even more thrilled with the level of engagement from so many donors, alumni and community partners," he said. "It's really indicative of the energy and enthusiasm across our campus and surrounding community right now."

Chancellor Manohar Singh said in a press release that support for the university shows a willingness to support the broader community, which UWO aims to help facilitate.

"We knew that when we shared the vision of UW Oshkosh for the years ahead, this community, this village, would speak loud and clear," he said. "They clearly share that vision and are deeply invested in it. Surpassing this year's Titans Day of Giving goal, and doing so with an 88% increase over last

year's total, shows that UWO supporters are united behind the university's mission to serve our region — its communities, its businesses, its nonprofits and its industries, from manufacturing to agriculture — by preparing students with the most advanced professional skills, the confidence to lead, and the ethos to be conscientious leaders."

The university's Day of Giving website lists the following donation project breakdowns:

- Titan Athletics: \$42,955
- Scholarships: \$34,748
- UW Oshkosh Fund (which helps fund scholarships): \$15,623
- School of Nursing and Health Professions: \$29,525

- School of Media, Arts and Communication: \$23,560
- School of Education and Human Services: \$18,140
- School of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics: \$5,090
- School of Public Affairs and Global Engagement: \$4,264
- School of Business: \$3,904
- Honors College: \$2,515
- Counseling Center: \$2,550
- Sustainability: \$720
- The UWO Food Pantry Fund: \$519

More information about specific projects, schools and donations can be found at give-campus.com/schools/UniversityofWisconsinOshkosh/titans-day-of-giving-2025.

Sims cheers on marching band



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UWO Assistant Chancellor of Intercollegiate Athletics Darryl Sims, originally from Bridgeport, Connecticut, stops his truck to cheer on the percussion section of the Titan Thunder Marching Band as they practice in the parking lot of Kolf Sports Center on Sept. 22. The percussion section was practicing for an upcoming concert after they performed at the UWO football home-opener last Saturday in which the Titans defeated Roosevelt University (Illinois) 38-21. Read more on the game on Page 5.



Courtesy of Facebook
Oshkosh West High School teacher Brian Phelps posted in response to backlash after an initial post stating Phelps' thoughts on the Charlie Kirk assassination.

Teacher under fire for Kirk posts

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A teacher at Oshkosh West High School is facing backlash due to his comments on the assassination of Charlie Kirk.

The post and the profile have since been removed from Facebook, but screenshots of the post have been circulating online.

In the post, the teacher called Kirk a "morally evil human." The post detailed ways the teacher disagreed with Kirk, but it also condemned political violence. Later, the author removed the post, saying that it was meant as an "attempt at a certain amount of hope."

"The Oshkosh Area School District (OASD) received information regarding a staff member's personal post on social media and is handling the situation in accordance with district policies," OASD Communication Director Katie Neiman said. "We are unable to comment on personnel matters."

This is just one example of what several teachers throughout the state have been experiencing. A teacher in Cudahy and another in the Rosendale/Brandon School District have been placed on administrative leave following social media posts. One assistant principal in Elkhorn Lake was falsely accused of making a post about Charlie Kirk. Her accuser later removed the post and retracted his claim after hundreds of calls, including some death threats, were made to the school district.

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Members of the harmful algal bloom research team take water samples from Lake Winnebago at various locations in August.

UWO receives grant to expand research

By **Jacob Link**
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UW Oshkosh received a \$243,000 grant from the Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin (FCW) Sept. 17 to expand freshwater research, workforce development and community outreach at the university.

Chancellor Manohar Singh said that the grant affirms UWO’s place as a statewide leader in preparing the next generation of water scientists and innovators.

“The Freshwater Collaborative’s support ensures that our students — whether they are high school participants just discovering their passion or undergraduates conducting applied research in our communities — gain experiences that prepare them for careers of impact,” Singh said. “This is not only a win for our students and our university, but also for Wisconsin, where the health of our waters is essential to public well-being, economic vitality and the stewardship of one of our state’s greatest natural resources.”

According to the university,

annual grants to the Comprehensive Freshwater Training, Recruitment and Research Experience Program could generate \$1.44 million through 2031 if consistently approved by state leaders.

The grants from the FCW would expand the role that Oshkosh’s Environmental Research and Innovation Center (ERIC) has for testing water by bringing in more students from across the state to work in the facility. The core components that the grant funds include are a high school freshwater STEM camp, paid summer internships, Water Technology Enterprise projects and collaborative research across Universities of Wisconsin campuses.

Environmental Engineering Technology Professor Greg Kleinheinz, the director of ERIC, which allows students to test water quality in Oshkosh, Eagle River, Sturgeon Bay and Manitowoc, said he’s proud of all the projects the students and faculty have worked on.

“This grant is really a testament to the success we’ve had over the

last few years,” Kleinheinz said. “We’ve built programs that are multidisciplinary, hands-on and impactful, and now we have the stability to keep growing them without wondering year to year if we’ll be able to continue.”

The FCW grant will also continue to fund ERIC’s summer programming where students from across the UWs are paid to receive training in areas such as sample collection, analysis and Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS).

Kleinheinz said that students from across the Midwest travel to Oshkosh to take part in the program, which costs about \$25 per person because of grant money.

“(Students) get to come here for three days, be on campus and dive into all sorts of hands-on experiences related to freshwater,” Kleinheinz said. “... that’s something we’re really proud of, making these opportunities accessible and getting young people excited about water science.”

UWO Provost Ed Martini said that the FCW grant strengthens the kind of research-intensive

education that defines the Oshkosh experience.

“Our students aren’t just learning in the classroom — they’re engaging in experiential learning that best prepares them for meaningful careers in water science and environmental fields as they solve problems that threaten public health, the state’s tourism industry and agriculture,” Martini said.

Kleinheinz said that the reach of UWO’s water programs goes far beyond Oshkosh. In Door County, students assist with septic tracer studies, beach monitoring and marine debris surveys, while in Fond du Lac, ERIC partners with a company tackling wastewater treatment challenges.

“The students are on the front line,” Kleinheinz said. “They’re doing hands-on, applied learning through community involvement. One day might be the usual routine, and the next, something new pops up — a water quality concern, a drainage issue, a new research request — and they have to adapt. That’s real-world training.”

Amtrak bus service to end after state funding is cut

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The Amtrak Interstate 41 Thruway bus service connecting Green Bay and Milwaukee will end on Oct. 1 after its funding was cut.

According to a statement from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), the shutdown follows a contractual dispute between the state and the service provider, as a deal couldn’t be reached. Officials cited that the 2025-27 biennial budget did not have adequate resources to keep it operational.

“Governor Evers requested over \$15 million in additional funding to support potential passenger rail expansion as well as existing passenger rail-related operations, including this bus service, in his state budget proposal,” the statement said. “Ultimately, the legislature provided zero

new dollars to support passenger rail-related operations.”

The bus service, which includes a stop at Gruenhagen Conference Center on the UW Oshkosh campus, has provided two daily trips since 2019. These buses were timed to ensure connection with the Milwaukee-Chicago Hiawatha Service at the Milwaukee Intermodal Terminal and included stops in De Pere, Fond du Lac and Appleton.

UW-Green Bay Urban and Regional Planning professor Marcelo Cruz said he was disappointed by the news, but not surprised. Cruz said this announcement is the latest thing to happen in a larger trend of transportation funding being cut.

“I see northeast Wisconsin becoming more isolated, and you also have to ask about issues of equity,” Cruz said. “Who’s taking these buses?”

The end of the I-41 Thruway ser-



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The Amtrak I-41 Thruway bus arrives on the UW Oshkosh campus. The Wisconsin DOT announced that the bus will end Oct. 1

vice marks a significant setback for those who relied on the convenient connection to the Hiawatha rail line. While other bus services exist between Green Bay and Milwaukee, they may not offer the same direct and timed connection to the train,

potentially causing inconvenience for travelers.

A list of alternative bus services across the state, including service between Green Bay and Milwaukee, can be found on WisDOT’s website.

UWO holds panel on U.S. Constituion

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“A Constitution Challenged” was the topic of this year’s edition of UW Oshkosh’s annual Constitution Day event, which was held Sept. 18 inside Reeve Memorial Union.

“We’re in an unprecedented era of constitutional change in our lifetimes,” political science professor and moderator of the event David Siemers said, explaining the decision to go with this format.

Since 2004, all universities and colleges that receive any federal funding are required to hold an event to observe Constitution Day. “A Constitution Challenged” featured four professors who discussed how changes have impacted certain clauses and ideas in the Constitution. The panel included communication studies professor Tony Palmeri, political science professor Amber Lusvardi and criminal justice professors Matt Richie and Siemers.

In his remarks focused on the First Amendment, Palmeri emphasized the struggles that the press is currently having.

“The free press is in crisis right now,” Palmeri said. “And I don’t think that crisis started with the Trump administration. But I do think the Trump administration is challenging our free press (in a way) we have not seen in a while.”

Palmeri said to the audience that all people should be concerned about the recent attacks on the free press.

“We should all be in solidarity in trying to protect our free press,” Palmeri said. “I’m a media critic. I am more critical of the press than anyone in the room. But being a media critic doesn’t mean you want to see the media silenced.”

Palmeri said that the free press has been undermined over the past few years through defamation lawsuits, attacks on the independence of the press, and the dismantling of public radio and broadcasting. Other cases include attacks on public access to information and the student press.

“More than 8,000 webpages across more than a dozen government agencies have been purged,” Palmeri said. “Anything that says anything about DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) has been purged.



Courtesy of UWO Community Engagement Instagram

(From left to right) Matt Richie, David Siemers, Amber Lusvardi and Tony Palmeri speak to a crowd about the importance of the U.S. Constitution and how it’s currently being challenge Sept. 18 during UWO’s annual Constitution Day event.

Those of you who may have read the book 1984 by George Orwell, this is kind of like a ministry of truth.”

Palmeri said that people cannot celebrate the press being silenced.

“Be careful of celebrating the silencing of any press,” Palmeri said. “Because the next day, the press that you do like, will be silenced. So we’ve got to be in solidarity over free press.”

Lusvardi, associate professor of political science, talked beyond the First Amendment’s free speech understanding by discussing two clauses of the right to petition and the right to peaceably assemble because they are “lesser discussed.”

“The reason why I bring these in is because the intent of both of these clauses was to give voice to people who didn’t have access to structural power,” she said. “People who wanted to be heard by (the) government, (for them) these were two clauses in the Constitution that allowed them to do so.”

Lusvardi said that if constituents want to be heard specifically by their representatives or senators, they should use modern-day technology.

“You can call them, you can email them, you can join a tele-town hall (or) you could fax them if that’s a thing people still have,”

she said. “There are all these avenues by which you can reach out to your senator (and) to your representative.”

Lusvardi said that another effective way to make people’s voices heard is through the right to peaceably assemble, which can look like a protest, march or free association with some type of organized group.

“The thing that’s important for you to know ... is that when social movements use these types of tactics, like protests and marches, they work,” she said. “Social movements name issues, frame issues, and they get them on the legislative agenda. It is an effective way to get the attention of your elected officials.”

Richie, a criminal justice professor and self-proclaimed expert on the 14th Amendment, which gives equal protection to all people, spoke on how it ties up the 13th Amendment, which abolishes slavery.

“We finish slavery, perfect, what a win, no more racism,” Richie said. “And then we have the 14th amendment, so everyone has the same rules.”

Richie also spoke about the prison system and how it is supposed to deter people from committing crimes.

“Jail takes everybody,” Richie said. “If you’re a flight risk or repeat offender, the judge will hold you in

custody until the trial. There’s no issue with that.”

According to Richie, one thing that people do not understand is the relationship between the state and federal prison systems.

“What the states’ won’t tell you is that federal prison is mostly for drug offenders, because federal prisons deal with interstate traffic,” Richie said. “If you’re moving drugs across state lines, you’re committing federal crimes. At that point, the federal system gets you. But if you’re only committing crimes in Wisconsin, then Wisconsin gets you. Then you’re in a state prison.”

Siemers, whose primary research is modern political thought with emphases on the presidency, separation of powers and constitutionalism, said that Congress initially had the biggest power provided by the Constitution but overtime it had shifted to a president.

“In the last eight or nine months, these trends have been taken to new heights,” Siemers said. “In ways that are ... almost surely violations of the Constitution.”

Siemers said that President Donald Trump is exercising more power by choosing not to spend money that was previously allocated to different places by Congress and the commander in chief.

“Law says that you’re going to

spend X amount of money,” he said. “If there’s a change in the administration, as there was from Joe Biden to Donald Trump, Donald Trump could thwart the law simply by saying, ‘I’m not going to spend that money.’ And he’s done that with foreign aid and subsidies for green energy, and it really violates the command of faithful execution.”

Siemers said expansion of judicial power has enabled an expansion of presidential power while Congress has not acted upon that.

“They (judiciary) have done so in a very interesting way by typically siding with the president,” he said. “Presidents have an interest in selecting people for the court who are pro-presidential power because they’re the ones whose actions are going to be judged by that court. And Congress has just looked at that and said ‘you know what? That’s pretty okay with us.’”

“A Constitution Challenged” showcased bipartisan attendance from UWO’s clubs and organizations, such as College Republicans, College Democrats, Political Science Student Association, Pre-Law Society, Turning Point USA, College Progressives and the Center for Civic and Community Engagement.



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Titans beat Roosevelt in home opener

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The No. 19 nationally ranked UW Oshkosh football team beat NCAA Division-II Roosevelt University (Illinois) 38-21 in its home opener on Saturday at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

The win was the Titans first over a D-II team since 2021 (28-10 at Northern Michigan University). The victory also took longer than expected as both teams endured three lightning delays that all happened in the second half.

“(Head Coach Peter Jennings) told us that there was a threat of inclement weather,” linebacker Kyle Dietzen said. “We came prepared to play through it, we watched film (during the delays) and got stuff corrected.”

The game started off rough for the Titans, as Roosevelt held UWO to a three-and-out on its opening drive. The Lakers were able to take a long drive behind the passing and rushing attack from quarterback Zach Zella and running back Cam Davis down the field to take a 7-0 lead with a touchdown from Zella to Davis.

The Roosevelt defense held the Titans in check early in the game. On UWO’s second drive of the contest, the Titans were able to get into Lakers territory for the first time in the contest but UWO wasn’t able to get into field goal range. Then, after UWO turned the Lakers over on downs during Roosevelt’s second possession, the Titans were able to get all the way to the Roosevelt 9-yard line behind big plays from wildcat quarterback AJ Korth and running back Ben Vallefsky. Unfortunately, UWO couldn’t cash in as



Zach Bellin / Advance-Titan

UWO’s Michael Wind (95) and Jake Shutter (7) attempt to tackle Lakers running back Cam Davis (22). The Titans defense held Davis to 56 rushing yards in the 38-21 win.

the Titans missed a field goal and came away with nothing. Roosevelt ended the first with a 7-0 lead and the ball deep in its own territory.

The Titans defense did not let the game get out of hand. On second down for Roosevelt, Dietzen came through on a blitz and blew up Zella, causing a fumble that UWO defensive lineman Curtis Jaskulske recovered and took to the 2-yard line. Set up with great field position, UWO executed a quarterback sneak to perfection, where to the stadium’s surprise, quarterback Quentin Keene was in the endzone with the ball for a touchdown after it looked like the Titans were

stuffed. The trick play tied the game at 7-7. UWO was then able to take a 14-7 lead on its next possession behind 41 yards on five consecutive rushes from Vallefsky that set up a Kellan Mella touchdown dive on the 1-yard line.

Vallefsky, a transfer from the University of Minnesota Duluth, said he was able to be successful in his first UWO game because his team accepted him so fast.

“The coaches and teammates embraced me and helped me learn what my role is going to be,” he said.

Roosevelt, with the help of a UWO failed fourth down conver-

sion attempt, was able to end the first half with 14 unanswered points to take a 21-14 lead going into halftime.

The third quarter started after an approximate one-hour lightning delay, causing an extended halftime. Roosevelt opened up the half with the football. Aided by two wide open drops from Lakers wide receiver Norion Espadron, the Titans were able to get off the field, allowing no points. UWO got the ball back on its own 6-yard line and was able to run just one play before lightning delayed the game for a second time. After another delay, UWO returned to the field

with a second-and-11 on its own 5-yard line. With a big challenge being stuffed deep in its own territory, coming out of the delay, UWO did not waver. Two straight catches from wide receiver Jon Mathieu and running back Jackson Brush got the Titans to their own 40-yard line. The big catches set up a sequence where wide receiver Londyn Little hauled in three catches for a combined 60 yards, which resulted in a game-tying touchdown to level the score at 21-21. The catches were also Little’s first targets since the win over Linfield two weeks ago.

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Jacob Link / Advance-Titan

Grace Jurgens (7) prepares for a dig for UWO during the match against UNW on Saturday, Sept. 20 at Kolf Sports Center.

Volleyball splits home triangular

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The UW Oshkosh volleyball team went 1-1 in its home triangular on Saturday, as they defeated the St. Catherine University (Minnesota) Wildcats in straight sets and dropped a five-set match to the University of Northwestern-St. Paul (Minnesota) Eagles.

The Titans offense proved too much to handle for the Wildcats as

UWO hit .151 during the match, with 32 kills and 16 errors on 106 attempts. Junior Lauren Grier led the team with nine kills and nine blocks for UWO, while junior Samantha Perlberg added eight kills, two aces, two blocks and nine digs for the Titans. Senior Jaclyn Dutkiewicz contributed to the team defensively, getting 17 assists and six aces as UWO defeated the Wildcats with set scores of 25-16, 25-18 and 25-15.

In the final match of the day between UWO and Northwestern-St. Paul, both teams traded sets as the Titans hit .262 as a team with 73 kills and 25 errors on 183 attempts. Perlberg led the team with 24 kills, 15 digs and an ace for UWO, while Grier added 11 kills and four blocks. Dutkiewicz also contributed an ace alongside 27 assists. Freshman Callie Panasuk collected two aces, five assists and 12

digs for UWO, while senior Izzy Coon led the team defensively with 34 assists and 13 digs. The Titans fell to the Eagles 25-21, 23-25, 27-25, 18-25 and 15-9.

UWO will be back at home on Friday, Sept. 26, as they host UW-Stevens Point on Community Night, as the Titans look to break the NCAA Division III volleyball attendance record. First serve is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Golf places third

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The UW Oshkosh women’s golf team placed third out of 39 teams, with a team score of 316 at the Benedictine University (Illinois) Midwest Region Classic on Friday.

The final regular season event for the Titans ended after the first round, as the second round was canceled due to inclement weather.

UWO’s Sydney Bornhorst led the team with an individual score of 76 (+4). Sophia Eggert was the second place finisher for the Titans with a score of 78 (+6). Taryn Endres and Rylie Severson were the next best finishers both recording scores of 81 (+9). Rounding out the scorers for the Titans was Hailey Matenaer with a score of 93 (+21).

Chloe Young competed as an independent and finished the round with a score of 96 (+24).

The Titans will begin postseason play at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship, hosted by UW-Stout at the Reedsburg Country Club on Friday, Oct. 3, through Sunday, Oct. 5.



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UWO quarterback Quentin Keene dives for the end zone against Roosevelt University (Illinois) to give Oshkosh a 14-7 lead in the opening minutes of the second quarter.

Football: UWO defeats Roosevelt University 38-21

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After holding the Lakers to a three-and-out, UWO was able to take a 24-21 lead with a field goal from kicker Axel Vera Trejo. The Titans were able to end the third quarter with the lead at 24-21.

On its first drive of the fourth, it looked like the Titans were about to take a 31-21 lead as Brush returned a punt for a touchdown. However, a personal foul nullified the return and UWO's offense went back out on the field. The Titans drove all the way to the Roosevelt 11-yard line,

but once again were held to a field goal attempt and weren't able to make the kick. They came away with zero points after looking like they were about to take a ten-point lead.

Similar to the response from the first missed kick, the Titans defense got the momentum back with an immediate interception from defensive back Johnny Spallaso. After being held to a three-and-out on offense, UWO defensive back Chad Gerig snagged an interception on the ensuing Roosevelt offensive drive to give the Titans the ball back

again. This time, UWO was able to take advantage of the interception as Vallefsky was able to give the Titans the 10-point lead at 31-21 with a 44-yard touchdown run.

The touchdown was Vallefsky's first as a Titan.

UWO's defense came up with a third straight interception, courtesy of Kellen Wright, to get the ball back with 04:54 remaining in the game.

Dietzen said the defense's mindset was "to be put the ball down and force turnovers" in the high-pressure spots that

they were in, forcing four turnovers.

Despite a third lightning delay in the middle of the drive, the Titans offense was able to bleed out most of the final four minutes in the game and put a stamp on the game with a 21-yard touchdown pass from Keene to Little to end the contest with a 17-point win over the Lakers.

The Titans ended its non-conference slate with a 2-1 record, and Jennings said a part of that is due to how the offense has been creative with the wide variety of positions

that each player can play.

"We can line them up in so many different positions," Jennings said. "Having good football players makes the job easier and allows you to be creative."

UWO will have its bye week this upcoming weekend (Saturday, Sept. 27) before it opens up its WIAC slate on its schedule with a matchup at home against No. 11 nationally ranked UW-River Falls. The game against UWRF will kick off at 1 p.m. on Oct. 4 at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

Women's soccer draws with Dubuque in 151 Derby

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The UW Oshkosh women's soccer team tied 1-1 with the University of Dubuque (2-0-4) at Oyen Field in Dubuque, Iowa on Saturday, Sept. 10 for the third annual 151 Derby.

For the second consecutive year, the derby ended in a tie after a 0-0 conclusion last year, making the Titans 2-2-3 so far this season.

"Unfortunately, the NCAA lets you tie in soccer," head coach Erin Coppernoll said. "I wish we could play overtime."

In the first half, the Spartans took seven shots until they made their first goal just after the 40-minute mark to make it 1-0. Dubuque's Ava Hortillosa scored the goal that was assisted by her teammates Riley Trudeau and Alyssa Tranchita.

The Titans started the game strongly as well, playing some of the best soccer Coppernoll said she's seen in the last couple of years.

"(We were) Pinging the ball around and making them look silly but we didn't come out with goals."

During the second half, the Titans battled back and scored at the 67th minute to knot the game up 1-1. UWO's Addyson Knoebel scored the goal, assisted by Oshkosh's Shannon Walsh and Anika Roush.

The score wouldn't change for the remainder of the game. Oshkosh lost the shot ratio 14-5 to Dubuque. UWO's Mallory Kerhin saved eight shots on goal to help preserve the game for the Titans.

"Mallory (Kerhin) has done a nice job for us between the pipes this year," Coppernoll said. "She has been a good leader from the back and directs the back line well."

Kerhin leads the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with 55 saves and an .846 save percentage.

The Titans and Kerhin's next game will be on the road in Chicago, Illinois, where they will take on North Park University (Illinois) at the Holmgren Athletic Complex at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 24.

Oshkosh will begin its WIAC season Oct. 4 at 2 p.m. at UW-Eau Claire.



Courtesy of Terri Cole / UWO Athletics

Mallory Kerhin makes the save against the University of Dubuque in the annual 151 Derby, where UWO tied with Dubuque 1-1.



Scoreboard

Wednesday, Sept. 17
Women’s Tennis
UWO - 7
Marian - 0
Women’s Volleyball
UWO - 3
UW-Stout - 0

Friday, Sept. 19
Men’s Cross Country
UWO - 1st of 5 teams
Women’s Tennis
UWO - 7
St. Norbert - 0
Women’s Golf
UWO - 3rd of 39 teams, 319 strokes
Women’s Cross Country
UWO - 3rd of 5 teams

Saturday, Sept. 20
Football
UWO - 38
Roosevelt (Illinois) - 21
Women’s Volleyball (Match 1)
UWO - 3
St. Catherine (Minnesota) - 0
Women’s Volleyball (Match 2)
UWO - 2
Northwestern (Minnesota) - 3
Women’s Soccer
UWO - 1
Dubuque (Iowa) - 1

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Sept. 24
Women’s Soccer
at North Park University at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 26
Women’s Tennis
vs UW-Stout at 4:00 p.m.
Women’s Volleyball
vs UW-Stevens Point at 7 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 29
Women’s Soccer
at St. Norbert College at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 30
Women’s Volleyball
at Carthage College at 3:00 p.m.
vs Edgewood University at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 3
Women’s Golf
at Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference at 11:00 a.m.
Men’s Cross Country
at UW-Eau Claire Blugold Invitational at 4:15 p.m.
Women’s Cross Country
at UW-Eau Claire Blugold Invitational at 5:15 p.m.
Women’s Volleyball
at UW-River Falls at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4
Football
vs UW-River Falls at 1:00 p.m.

A-Trivia

Before the win against Roosevelt, when was the last time the UW Oshkosh football team defeated a D-II opponent?

Answer: In 2021, when the Titans defeated Northern Michigan University 28-10.



Courtesy of Steve Frommell / UWO Athletics

Jameson Gregory prepares to serve against St. Norbert College en route to a victory in the doubles competition as part of the Titans’ sweep.

Women’s tennis sweeps two opponents

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The UW Oshkosh women’s tennis team swept both of its opponents 7-0, as the Titans (4-1) visited Marian University (1-5) and hosted St. Norbert College (2-2) this weekend.

Olivia Pethan was awarded Titan of the Week Honors by the athletic department and got nominated for WIAC Kwik Trip Athlete

of the Week due to her great performances against both opponents. Pethan won her singles match against Jillian Traver of Marian University, 6-0, 6-0, then repeated a two-set sweep days later, this time with scores of 6-2, 6-1, against Jordan Dominick of St. Norbert College.

In doubles competition with Courtney Carpenter, the duo was great yet again as they improved to 5-1 on the season together. Car-

penter and Pethan beat their doubles opponents 6-1 and 6-4, respectively.

Against Marian, the Titans surrendered a collective 12 points in singles competition en route to a complete sweep of their opponents. Not a single set required a tiebreaker.

Then on Friday against St. Norbert, doubles yet again were dominant, with all three teams winning their matches with only one of

them going to an extra point.

For singles competition, UWO shut out all its matches. Bre Schultz won her first set, shutting out her opponent in the first round 6-0 and then winning the match in the next round 6-3. One tie breaker happened in the singles, with Cate Gerl winning her match 7-5 and 6-4.

The Titans next competition will be on Friday, Sept. 26 at 4 p.m. at Kolf Sports Center Outdoor Tennis Courts, when they host UW-Stout.

Packers loss is embarrassing for the fans

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If you’re unaware of what happened this weekend, Green Bay Packer fans fell to the mercy of the



Bellin

“Dawg Pound” as the Cleveland Browns defeated the green and gold 13-10 in heartbreaking fashion.

The Packers started the scoring by snagging the lead at the beginning of the second quarter after Cleveland’s Denzel Ward made an incredible pass deflection that forced Jordan Love and the Green Bay offense to settle for a field goal.

Then the game was quiet until the Packers managed to score the game’s first touchdown when Love connected with backup tight end John FitzPatrick for a 3-yard touchdown in the third quarter, which gave the Packers a 10-0 lead.

Up until the 3:38 mark in the fourth quarter, the Packers had held the Browns scoreless, but things changed fast. Cleveland kicker Andre Szmyt converted on a 33-yard field goal to make the score 10-3, and 30 seconds later, the ball was back in their hands because of an irresponsible throw by Love that fluttered into the hands of Grant Delpit, one half of the Browns double coverage on that play. Delpit returned the ball to the Packers 4-yard line, which set up an immediate Quinshon Judkins touchdown to tie the game 10-10 with 3:01 to go in the fourth.



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The Green Bay Packers huddle before an offensive play against the Washington Commanders at Lambeau Field on Sept. 11.

At this point, I didn’t know what to think. What was beginning to feel like a 10-0 cruise to a victory, turned into one of the most embarrassing losses I’ve experienced as a Packers fan.

What follows can only be described as a disaster. The Packers managed their way back into prime field goal position, but couldn’t convert because Tucker Kraft failed to set the edge and Ward, who’d been playing an incredible game, took full advantage of it to block the kick.

A little shove simply isn’t enough

out of Kraft. There’s zero excuse to exert that little energy into that significant of a play. It sucks because Kraft has been such an elite playmaker for the offense, but mistakes like that simply cannot happen.

After beating two teams who made the playoffs last season in the Detroit Lions and the Washington Commanders, I don’t think a single sane person could’ve predicted this loss for the Packers. I was getting ready to write this article and gloat about how great the team has been but instead I’m ranting about a loss to the Cleveland Browns.

This wasn’t just a bad loss, it was a collapse. If the Packers don’t learn from it fast, the Cowboys won’t just beat them next week. They’ll embarrass them on national television.

The Packers will be back in action against the Dallas Cowboys in primetime at 7:20 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, which is a game that has narratives of its own, as the freshly arrived superstar Micah Parsons gets to go back to his old home field, AT&T Stadium, to take on his former team.



Cassidy Johnson / Advance-Titan

Co-owner of The Bloomtique in Oshkosh, Gena Tigert, crouches in a colorful field of zinnias at one of The Bloomtique’s many flower fields.

Creativity blooms at The Bloomtique

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Flowers, creativity and even love bloom at The Bloomtique at 3849 Nekimi Ave. in Oshkosh. Started in April 2023 by Gena Tigert and her husband, Adam Tigert, the appropriately-named Bloomtique is a boutique and flower farm that offers a build-your-own bouquet experience from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

With fields of zinnias and wild-flowers all in a variety of colors, you can customize the bouquet to your preference — or a loved one’s. Just buy a vase for \$15, grab your shears and have fun with it. If you’re a student, senior or military member, you can get it at a discount for \$12.

Gena Tigert will be there to offer tips and guidance, and at the end, you will have a bouquet as unique as you. When those flowers eventually die, you can take the vase back and refill it for just \$12; almost like a perpetual bouquet that grows with you.

Afterwards, you can check out the “boutique” part of “Bloomtique” where you can shop

unique pieces, fun knick-knacks and pieces from local artists, and say “hi” to their shop cats, or as Gena Tigert likes to call them, “mascots,” Daisy and Lilly.

Whether you’re visiting alone or with loved ones, the experience is equally fun and therapeutic.

“When we make things with our hands, it’s a piece of your soul,” Gena Tigert said. “That’s nurturing; it frees us a little bit.”

It has also been scientifically proven that having flowers in your space can actually improve your emotional health.

According to a study by Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, flowers have “an immediate impact on happiness,” “a long-term positive effect on moods” and they “make intimate connections.”

Luckily for your mom, the presence of flowers even leads to “increased contact with family and friends.”

This is a fun, cost-effective way to add life to your space as a college student, as bouquets can be expensive, and customizable ones are even more.

With “cuffing season” upon us,

this can also be a great date idea. Everyone loves receiving flowers, let alone frolicking in a field of them.

You may be able to catch some of the good love ju-ju there, as there’s an airbnb that can be booked for weddings on the property — not to mention that the business itself was grown by two love-birds.

The pair met while Adam Tigert was beginning Bloomtique’s parent business, Brighton Acres; a family farm-turned-wedding venue.

Adam Tigert had originally renovated the farm’s machine shed into a basketball court, something he would use for pick-up games or to help coach kids, until a family friend asked if they could host their wedding there.

It was around this time that the pair met, with Adam Tigert enlisting her help for Brighton Acre’s first wedding.

It was also around the time when rustic barn weddings were all the rage. They sold twelve weddings that first year, then sold almost quadruple that the following season, with around 42 bookings.

A few years into the business, the pair bought the farm that would one day become The Bloomtique as “a place to land” between living in the city and their busy schedules.

One day, Gena Tigert asked Adam Tigert to plant a garden at the farm for her because she felt lonely. Soon, perennials were planted, and so was an idea.

She had heard of other farmers doing you-pick, and decided to do the same with her flower garden.

“(I had) the desire to let people experience what I get to on a daily basis,” Gena Tigert said. “I want people to have that deeper connection to the whole thing... the flowers, the butterflies, the creating and the appreciation of the environment. I think it’s something everyone should get to enjoy.”

While The Bloomtique’s U-Pick will only last a few more Saturdays before the frost hits, you can stay tuned for new products and experiences, including lavender U-pick and products and art classes such as flower crown-making, bread-making, sun printing classes and more.



Gena Tigert also plans to continue doing Children’s Hour, an experience for families where they read a book, do a nature-themed scavenger hunt, pick flowers, make crafts and have ice cream.

No matter your age, there is fun to be had at The Bloomtique where Tigert employs her vision of “fostering creativity, (being) thoughtful of the environment and truly caring.”





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Be on the look out for love

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Welcome to Sex In-the-920! I'm the Carrie Bradshaw of UW Oshkosh, or your college sex guru.

I heard the phrase "be on the lookout" in my creative writing course. Now, this phrase has to do with looking out for new topics to write about, but it can also go on for dating or getting in a relationship.

The whole manifestation "I don't chase, I attract" makes sense in certain ideas, but as a society we need to stop being lazy on building relationships. You should attract good energy or good vibes, maybe good grades or a good hair day, but not a relationship.

Now, when you are your true genuine self and focus on yourself and wellbeing you will attract good people and good goals. Remember, you can't love someone until you love yourself, so if you're waiting on something to come to you, you have to be certain of yourself first. I am a firm believer in what's meant to be will be, and what's meant for you can't miss you, but then again, life is what you make of it, and if you really want something (or someone), you're more likely to get it.

While I'm not trying to get all spiritual, a big part of finding a new relationship is actually finding it. If you spot someone that you think is attractive, maybe you walk up to them

and ask them what class they're walking to. Or let's say you're at a coffee shop, and someone catches your eye, ask them what they're drinking!

It's easier said than done, but in a small city like Oshkosh, there are actually plenty of fish in the sea, or in this case, the lake. If you really want to find love, or a relationship or even a new friend, you really have to put in the effort.

A major factor in building a new conversation could possibly lead to the worst-case scenario. Rejection. With this being said, I couldn't help but wonder, are individuals still afraid of rejection? Yes! The answer is so clearly yes, but we have to remember that rejection is a redirection.

Rejection is a scary thought, but there are so many reasons why someone will reject, and it most likely doesn't have to do with the person who's getting rejected. We have to remember that if you want something, you really have to work hard to get it. And that can go for anything. Chasing that bag, chasing those grades and even a good, healthy relationship.

We have to be on the lookout for our goals, wants and needs. We have to be on the lookout to make sure we're not selling ourselves short, because we're worth more than that. The hunt for what you want never ends, so be on the lookout and remain on the hunt.



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President Donald Trump stands at a Wisconsin rally in 2023. Trump and Robert F. Kennedy Jr. said Monday that one of the causes of autism is pregnant women taking Tylenol, despite insufficient scientific evidence.

Tylenol does not cause autism

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The Trump administration held a press conference on Monday, Sept. 22, claiming that they found what causes autism. Really, it was just Donald Trump and Robert F. Kennedy Jr. who made a claim that it is caused by Tylenol, despite no scientific evidence. It is just another step in the line of dangerous claims made by this administration, attacking health, especially neurodivergent disorders. As a 21-year-old male who is on the spectrum, I feel like I need to write on this and explain my thoughts on this situation. I also feel like it's a reason to explain what it's like to live with autism.

First off, being on the spectrum, I have dealt with a lot in my life. I have switched between three schools throughout my elementary and middle school years. I also attended UW-River Falls for my first

year of college in the fall of 2022. Unfortunately, circumstances caused me to withdraw from the school in the middle of that academic year. After leaving UWRF, I applied and began to attend college here at UW Oshkosh just a year later in the fall of 2023, restarting the college experience all over again.

Those years have brought a lot of depression, anxiety and thoughts of suicide. Thoughts that I still battle today. Life with autism is a battle and is definitely challenging. But these experiences have made me stronger physically and mentally, and they have also helped me grow as a person. Being able to be in my junior year here at college, but also a co-sports editor on the Advance-Titan for a second year, is something I never thought I could do.

I have had help along the way while being a part of this team on the Advance-Titan. Editor-in-Chief Jacob Link, who was the sports editor for three years, and my co-sports partner,

Zach Bellin, have helped make my life easier while being a part of the paper. Former managing editor, Kelly Hueckman, also helped me adjust to my first semester as the sports editor and I appreciate and thank them for that. Autism is complex, but it is not a burden like this current administration wants you to believe.

I have not been afraid to voice my opinion on things when it's something I feel like I need to express. However, it's hard when the current President and his administration basically say that you are sick and a burden to society. It's already a challenge to navigate living with autism, but when your own president is wanting you to hide and mask it instead of embracing it, it makes life with autism that much more challenging.

Instead of trying to dance around it, it's important to accept that neurodivergent people are out there, and all that is wrong is that we think differently.

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