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(Left) Students at the Oshkosh Normal School walk in the first Homecoming procession in October 1921 to celebrate the university's 50th anniversary. (Right) The Titan Thunder Marching Band leads the UWO football team to Titan Stadium during the 2024 edition of Homecoming.

UWO to celebrate its 100th Homecoming

Alumni welcomed back in tradition that began on campus in 1921 to celebrate the school's 50th birthday

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UW Oshkosh prepares to celebrate its 100th edition of Homecoming this weekend, continuing a tradition that dates back to 1921, when the university, then known as the Oshkosh State Normal School, hosted a "Semi-Centennial" celebration that encouraged alumni to return to the area.

The "Semi-Centennial" celebration marked the 50th anniversary of the university's founding in 1871 and included three-days of Homecoming activities.

The first Homecoming on campus was kicked off by the football team's 27-7 victory against Platteville State Normal School on Oct. 22, 1921 in what the Normal Advance (the predecessor to the Advance-Titan) called "a day that will long be remembered in the annals of the Oshkosh Normal." According to the article from Nov. 1, 1921, it was the largest-attended football game in school history up to that point at the Winnebago County Fair Grounds. Led by quarterback Robert Kolf (the namesake for the Kolf Sports Center on campus) and running back Mac MacAndrew, Oshkosh took a 7-0 lead at halftime. MacAndrew rushed for two touchdowns and recorded a pick-six to lead the Titans to a 20-point win.

After the game, students, faculty and alumni gathered on campus for an anniversary reception and dance, which included university President Harry Brown, the family of George Sumner Albee, who served as the first President of the school from 1871-98, and John Keith, who was the third President of UWO from 1907-17.

"(At) about nine o'clock the music began and dancing was enjoyed by the younger members of the crowd, while the older ones

renewed acquaintance and talked over the old days," the Normal Advance reported.

Three separate churches had special services on Sunday for Oshkosh residents and alumni, with the First Methodist Church in the city using its program to raise money for the Rufus Halsey Memorial Fund.

The university gave its students the day off from classes on the final day of Homecoming in 1921 to celebrate "State Day" which featured speeches from the state superintendent of public instruction, performances from the men's and women's glee clubs and tributes to professors Emily Webster and Rose Swart, both of whom have campus buildings named after them today. UWO's inaugural homecoming concluded with class reunions, an anniversary banquet and an "automobile drive" which the Normal Advance said was the most enjoyable event of the week.

"Immediately after the luncheons, 40 automobiles carried graduates on a trip about Oshkosh and the surrounding country," the Normal Advance said. "The automobiles were prettily decorated in the school colors, and the excellence of the weather made the auto ride a decidedly pleasant feature."

This year's 100th Homecoming, 124 years after the first one because it was cancelled from 1942-45 and again in 2020, has a similar itinerary.

The celebration starts Thursday with a Homecoming dance in Titan Underground from 8-10 p.m. in Reeve Memorial Union.

Friday, the university will host the UWO Alumni Awards Celebration from 5-9 p.m. at the Culver Family Welcome Center, where 11 graduates will be recognized for their career accomplishments.

The final day of Homecoming, on Saturday, begins with a continental breakfast

from 9-10:30 a.m. sponsored by the Multicultural Student Coalition and the Center for Student Success and Belonging at Dr. Boyland University Hall.

This year's Titan Tailgate has moved from the Reeve Memorial Union to tents at the Oshkosh Sports Complex south of Titan Stadium. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., families, students and alumni can eat free food and enjoy various activities and giveaways. Chancellor Manohar Singh will be serving his "signature" butter chicken, along with white bean chicken chili, Banh Mi Meatball Sandwiches, BBQ sliders with coleslaw toppings, walking tacos, Papa John's Pizza, Insomnia Cookies and more. Buses will begin taking people from campus to Titan Stadium at 11 a.m. and parking is available around the stadium neighborhood.

Instead of a parade, UWO will continue its recent tradition of the Titan March, where fans are invited to watch the Titan Thunder Marching Band and the football team march to the stadium before the game at 11:45 a.m.

The UWO football team takes on UW-Eau Claire at 1 p.m. at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium in the 100th edition of the Homecoming football game. At halftime, the marching band will bring in alumni to perform with current students as they center around the theme of "Homecoming Queen" with music by Queen.

After the game, the university will host a "Fifth Quarter" post-game celebration at Fox River Brewing Company in Oshkosh.

A complete schedule is available on the Homecoming 2025 webpage on the university's website, and Titan students and families are recommended to pre-register for activities that coincide with Homecoming weekend.



Homecoming 2016



Homecoming 2006



Homecoming 1995



Homecoming 1980



Homecoming 1972



Homecoming 1968



Homecoming 1938



Homecoming 1941



Homecoming 1951

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Campus holds vigil for Charlie Kirk

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A prayer vigil for conservative political activist Charlie Kirk, who was assassinated last month while speaking at a college in Utah, was held at UW Oshkosh this past Tuesday evening in Reeve Memorial Union.

Tuesday, Oct. 14, was approved by both congressional chambers to be a National Day of Remembrance for Kirk on what would have been his 32nd birthday, and he was also posthumously awarded a Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Donald Trump.

The sold-out event at the Reeve Memorial Union Theatre was put together by the Winnebago County Republican Party, along with UWO’s College Republicans and Oshkosh’s Turning Point USA chapter.

To celebrate the life of the founder of Turning Point USA, prayers were held for Kirk by pastors from around Oshkosh, along with political discussions from guest speakers, live music and a call to action from the event organizers’ leaders.

Chairman of the Winnebago County Republican Party, Cameron Clark, said that the organizers felt that they needed to do something to honor Kirk after the Senate passed the resolution making Tuesday the day of remembrance.

“When it comes to who Charlie Kirk was and what his organization is, obviously, there’s a ton of overlap between Turning Point and the Republican Party when it comes to conservative principles,” Clark said. “People across the whole nation and certainly the world felt an immense loss when Charlie was killed.”

The president of Turning Point USA’s Oshkosh chapter, Marco Marchiando, said that Clark reached out to him to put on the event on campus because Kirk himself focused on engaging discussions at college campuses.

“(Kirk’s) efforts were towards



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Shirley Quella, a UWO alumni from Appleton, sings along to “Holy Forever” during the Charlie Kirk prayer vigil. Attendees later lit flameless candles (inset) during the closing worship song.

college students,” Marchiando said. “(Clark) wanted to get as many college students involved as possible, and he thought that having it hosted and held on campus would be the best way to facilitate that.”

Marchiando said that a lot of people in his chapter took the assassination and loss of Kirk personally and that he was a role model for many college students.

“(Kirk) was like a big brother to us all,” he said. “He was the one that went out and defended us when we couldn’t defend ourselves.”

Multiple calls to prayer for Kirk were held by Father Zach Weber from UWO’s Newman Center, Pastor Michael Hansen from Calvary Bible Church and Pastor Jared Longsine from Wyldewood Baptist Church.

Clark said that for Kirk, his most important thing was “to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ” in his activism online and around college campuses.

“The second most important thing then, was making sure you have the freedom to do that,” Clark said. “... If we look at what our founding documents are based

on as a country, so much of that is taken from biblical principles, and that is certainly something Charlie focused on.”

One attendee, Madelyn Zielinski, said that she didn’t really start getting into politics until college and when Kirk passed away, and that Kirk made a “revival” with the youth with his beliefs.

“It was very peaceful here,” she said regarding the event. “Everyone here was so genuine.”

The event also held discussions on political issues, featuring an associate legal counsel from the Wisconsin Institute of Law and Liberty to talk about First Amendment rights and a representative from Wisconsin Right to Life to discuss the topic of abortion and rights to life.

Marchiando said that engaging college-age students with politics, regardless of their party or beliefs, is important to get people involved and understand how the world works.

“If there was ever a time where young people can change things, it’s right now,” he said. “Having events like this, where people come

out and see established ways to help out, (they) can now get involved and make a difference.”

Clark, along with Marchiando and UWO’s College Republicans president Christian Mueller, also held a call to action at the vigil to inspire attendees to continue political discussions in their lives.

Marchiando said that Turning Point USA and Kirk’s teachings and morals will live on after his death and that members will continue advocating for conservative beliefs around the country.

“After this, we move on and we get back to work, we’ve got a lot of events coming up,” he said. “We’re hoping to have discussions, and we’re going to start tabling at Reeve more. The goal is to make people understand that hey, the face of our group may have been shot, but we are still here and we’re going to still fight the good fight.”

Marchiando added that his chapter and events are always open for discussion, even if opinions and beliefs are different. UWO’s College Democrats group was reached out to for comments, but there was no response.

Two arrested for firearms during Pub Crawl

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The unsanctioned bi-annual drinking event known as Pub Crawl turned violent last weekend after two people were arrested for brandishing firearms, and a police officer was taken to the hospital after being knocked to the ground.

The UW Oshkosh Police Department, Oshkosh Police Department and the Wisconsin State Patrol shut down several house parties and disturbances near campus on both Friday and Saturday, predominately from Elmwood Avenue eastward to Jackson Street.

OPD Public Affairs and Crime Prevention Officer Kate Mann said that the safety and security of Oshkosh citizens remains the department’s top priority.

“The Oshkosh Police Department continues to work diligently to locate and apprehend dangerous individuals,” Mann said. “We are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents and will continue taking decisive and swift action against conduct that threatens public safety.”

At around 11:10 p.m. Saturday, law enforcement was dispatched to the corner of Scott Avenue and Cherry Street after OPD re-

ceived multiple reports that several males were pointing guns at people in the area. When police arrived at the scene, a 17-year-old male from Neenah resisted arrest and attempted to grab something tucked in the front of his pants. Officers were able to take him to the ground and uncovered a loaded handgun underneath his body. He was arrested for possession of a dangerous weapon by a person under 18, first degree recklessly endangering safety, carrying a concealed weapon, resisting/obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct.

While law enforcement attempted to arrest the 17-year-old, another male tried to intervene in the situation before being taken into custody by UWOPD. At the same time, according to police, “a large disturbance took place involving about 100 people” and an OPD officer was knocked to the ground and had to be taken to the hospital after suffering a non-life-threatening injury to the head. They have since been released from the hospital.

UWO senior Sam Allen said at first he was confused when he saw hundreds of people running in every direction.

“I was unsure of what event transpired,” Allen said. “I had not jumped to any conclusions, yet I



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A Pub Crawl participant offers an OPD officer ZYN nicotine pouches.

was a little concerned that it could have possibly been related to an act of violence. Due to this fact, I proceeded towards the scene with caution.”

Later on Saturday night, a Wisconsin State Trooper saw a suspect involved in a battery complaint on the 800 block of Scott Ave. The suspect, a 20-year-old male from Ripon fled the scene and flashed a handgun before the trooper was able to take him into custody. Law enforcement believed the male dropped his gun during the pursuit, and on Sunday OPD located the weapon on the 800 block of Woodland Ave.

Allen said that despite the violence, he still enjoyed Pub Crawl. “Fortunately, I did not witness any violent acts for the majority of my Pub Crawl experience, and I am happy to say that I felt safe during my time out and about,” Allen said. “The happy people wandering the streets had faces full of joy, and I was glad to have experienced the positivity of the city when all were together, enjoying the time.”

Law enforcement are continuing to investigate the disturbances related to Pub Crawl and ask that anyone with information should call OPD at 920-236-5700.



Isaac Fischer / Advance-Titan

A new wrap on Kolf Sports Center, which celebrates past Titan Athletes, was completed in time for UWO’s 100th Homecoming on Oct. 18.

Kolf Sports Center gets new look

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A new art piece now adorns the Kolf Sports Center on the UW Oshkosh campus, installed just in time to honor past Titan athletes before Homecoming weekend.

The project, a collaboration between UWO and Discover Oshkosh, was executed by UWO alumnus Josh Marquardt and his wife, Carla, co-owners of the Oshkosh-based company Art City Wraps.

Marquardt, who has previously worked on large-scale installations for events like the Super Bowl and the NFL Draft, called the Kolf project particularly meaningful, marking his first major mural on his alma mater’s campus.

“It is a thrill to come to campus with a crew and be able to showcase local athletes the way we showcase pros on the big stage,” Marquardt said. “This

was also my first large mural on campus, despite years of doing projects across the country, which made it deeply meaningful to return and contribute here.”

The wrap, which covers the concrete berms in front of Kolf along High Avenue, makes a striking and unmissable visual statement with dynamic, high-resolution images that showcase the diversity, strength and history of Titan athletics.

“UW Oshkosh athletics has such a powerful history of achievement,” Associate Chancellor of Athletics Darryl Sims said. “The Titans are a great source of community pride. This installation will bring that pride to life in a way that both campus and the community can share and celebrate.”

Discover Oshkosh Executive Director Amy Albright emphasized the project’s role in placemaking, saying how the mural will both enhance a vital com-

munity space and inspire future Titans.

“Not only will this add beauty and energy to a significant community space, but it will help future Titans, whether athletes or artists, see themselves at UWO,” Albright said.

Chancellor Manohar Singh said this project is a powerful reflection of what makes UWO and the community so special.

“We are deeply grateful for this partnership, which beautifully blends Titan pride, community spirit and alumni success into a legacy that will inspire generations of students and visitors,” Singh said.

The creation and installation of the mural was a significant undertaking, which Marquardt credits his printmaking background at UWO with shaping his approach to blending fine art with large-scale public installations.

“This layered storytelling through art is exactly what we

hope to accomplish with our new placemaking initiatives,” Albright said, highlighting the blend of Titan pride, community spirit and alumni success.

The graphics were printed on a durable adhesive vinyl, cured and sealed with a protective ultra-matte laminate film. This process ensures the artwork can withstand the local climate for years.

For student athlete Evan Peterson, the new wrap is a way to bring everyone together, especially the athletes and the fans who come to the games.

“It shows that the university is investing in the athletic program; I think it adds a lot,” he said. “It brings everyone together—fans, athletes.”

The completion of the wrap on High Avenue was precisely timed to coincide with the university’s 100th Homecoming celebration, kicking off the festivities with a dedication event on Oct. 16.

Man evades police on campus

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A man is in custody following a pursuit that ended on the UW Oshkosh campus.

On Oct. 9, just before 2 p.m., officers were dispatched to a disturbance at 720 Cherry St., for a report of a male who had caused a physical altercation before leaving the building.

Upon arrival, officers learned that the male was owed \$200 from the complainant. When he confronted the complainant about this, it turned into a verbal argument.

“The incident turned physical when (the suspect) punched (the complainant) in the face with a closed fist, causing (the complainant) pain,” the police report stated.

The male then left the building and was last seen walking towards the campus. He was found on West Lincoln Avenue near Stewart Hall, causing a foot pursuit.

The suspect, who is unaffiliated with UWO, was arrested on Elmwood Avenue near Polk Library and taken to Winnebago County Jail on charges of battery, disorderly conduct and resisting/obstructing.

Chief Chris Tarmann of the UW Oshkosh Police Department said in an email to the campus community that the nature of the incident led to a increase of law enforcement personnel in the area.

“We want to reassure you that the situation was resolved swiftly and that the safety of our campus community remains our top priority,” Tarmann said.

While OPD continues to investigate this specific incident, Tarmann is reminding the community of available safety tools, such as the UWO Mobile App.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact OPD at 920-236-5700.

Oshkosh businesses still weigh effects of tariffs

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While reports argue import prices continue to rise from the Trump administration’s tariffs, three Oshkosh businesses remain divided on whether the measures have reduced their profit margins.

On Wednesday, April 5, the Trump administration imposed a 10% tariff on all nations that trade with the United States and added reciprocal tariffs on April 9 targeting countries that have a U.S. trade deficit.

In July, the White House issued an updated executive order modifying reciprocal tariff rates in a move that underscores how tariffs remain a shifting concern for businesses across the country.

When the president began his second term, a national debate started about tariffs and whether they protect American industries or hurt businesses relying on imports.

Months later, the effects of these trade policies are now unfolding in communities like Oshkosh; Kenneth Osmond, owner of Planet Perk Coffee Houses, said everything is more expen-

sive now for his business.

“Since we don’t grow coffee in Kaukauna, and we don’t grow tea in Fond du Lac, our prices will have to go up at the coffee shop,” Osmond said. “It’s inevitable.”

“Everything I consume has gone up in price,” he said. “I really wanted to buy a new espresso machine, but a new machine used to cost \$14,000 and it’s now \$24,000.”

Osmond said competition is fierce and small coffee houses will need to raise prices to compete with larger chains and manage the additional costs of tariffs on South America.

“Starbucks has 15,000 locations; they can afford to lose profit and not increase prices,” he said. “Small coffee houses will have to raise prices sooner rather than later.”

Jim Stapel, president and owner of Kitz & Pfeil Ace Hardware, said prices depend on what’s purchased and where it’s coming from, but parts like faucet washers made in the United States won’t go up.

“I don’t know what impact it will have, so far nothing,” he said. “Much of our stuff is made in the U.S., but a fair amount

of smaller merchandise is made overseas.”

Stapel said if costs rise from tariffs on manufactured parts in Vietnam, China and other Southeast Asian countries, prices will increase for him as well.

“In the end, if costs do go up, the price has to go up too because you need enough money to pay your workers, the heat bill and everything else,” he said.

Jay Ratchman, owner of Camera Casino, a long-standing photography store in Oshkosh, said he doesn’t have control over the prices his customers pay.

“Prices are controlled by the manufacturers, whether it’s Buchanan, Nikon or Sony, all right down to the penny,” he said. “If I don’t put it there, they don’t honor rebates.”

Ratchman said he is in a unique position: parts will cost more from China because of the additional tariffs on those goods, but much of his business comes from Japan.

“I would say 95% of our business is foreign; nothing’s made in the United States,” he said. “A lot of stuff we get is from Japan, and that’s different than getting it from China.”

Osmond, who relies mostly on imported goods, said the tariffs have also made it more costly to get fruit from South America and Mexico, leaving him unable to get the fresh fruit needed for smoothies.

“Because of the tariffs, it’s now more expensive to get fruit from South America and Mexico,” he said. “I can’t get any fresh fruit pulp for my smoothies.”

Because Osmond sources his coffee directly from South America, he said he expects the farmers growing his coffee to take a hit as well.

“Small roasters like Intelligentsia source their beans directly from farmers in Ethiopia and Kenya, and countries like Mexico with large plantations are being hit hard,” he said.

While Stapel doesn’t expect major impacts now, he said Ace Hardware’s corporate branch told him there could be price changes ahead, even enough to justify an extra hire.

“I don’t know the impact of trade policies now,” he said. “But Ace told us to expect price changes, and they said we may want to hire somebody part-time for that.”

Though Stapel said the impact of tariffs depends on their specifics in his business, he remains mindful of them while focusing on his current reality.

“I think as we go back to business as usual, you have to keep the tariffs in the back of your mind while dealing with reality as it is now,” he said.

But while Stapel and Ratchman return to business unsure about the long-term effects, Osmond pays one of the highest tariffs for global agricultural imports.

“Every independent restaurant and coffee house is just one massive repair bill away from going into the red,” Osmond said.

Though his view of reality differs from Stapel and Ratchman’s, Osmond said the pain brought by these tariffs won’t be brief for anyone—especially Planet Perk. “This isn’t going to be short-term pain for us—that’s a quarter,” he said. “This is years’ worth of long-term pain that’s starting now.”

While opinions differ widely on the end result of the tariffs, it’s clear Oshkosh businesses relying on imports like Osmond’s cafe will now have to pay more to run their daily operations.

What'cha Think? About Fall Pub Crawl



Ava Nygaard, Senior

"I really enjoy Pub Crawl because it's a chance for me to be surrounded by my friends and good company."



Jordan Schumacher, Senior

"My favorite thing about Pub Crawl is bar hopping with friends."



Amanda Jonas, Junior

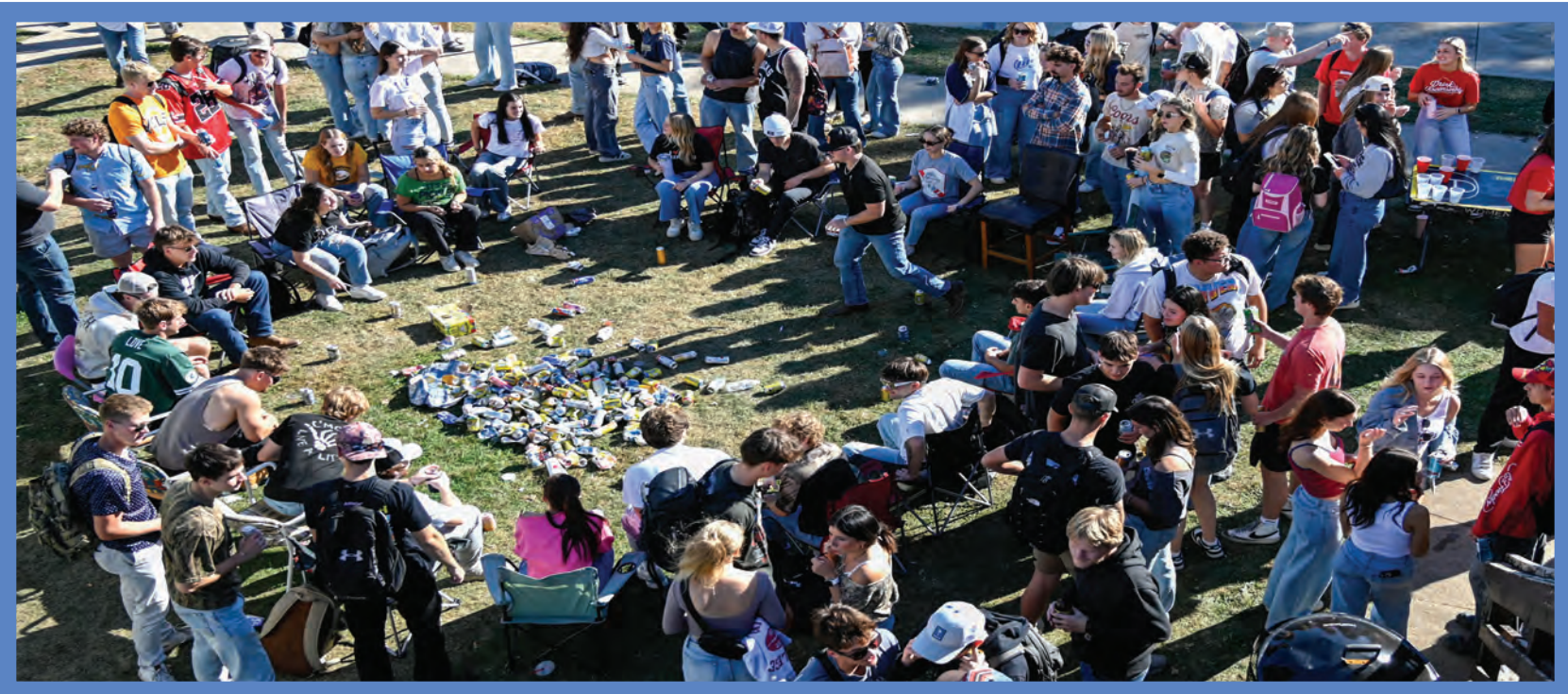
"This was my first year going to Pub Crawl, but it was fun seeing and being apart of the sense of community around campus."



Photos by Jess Duch / Advance-Titan
Jesse Thompson (left) hangs off the porch to dap-up UW Oshkosh student Josh Harris (right) during fall Pub Crawl.



Crawlers take darty-ing (day partying) to the roof of what students call the "Packer House" on the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Algoma Boulevard.



Crawlers drink, gab and gather around a pile of empty cans at one of Pub Crawl's classic day parties.



Three best Homecoming games in school history

By Advance-Titan Staff

The UW Oshkosh football team will have its 100th Homecoming game this Saturday when the Titans will face off against the UW-Eau Claire Bluegolds. In honor of the 100th edition of the UWO Homecoming game, we will look back at our top three games in UWO Homecoming history.

1. No. 5 Titans defeat No. 7 Platteville in top ten battle in 2016.

The 2016 UWO football team had one of the best seasons in program history. Led by head coach Pat Cerroni and quarterback Brett Kasper, UWO made its first and only appearance in the NCAA Division III National Championship that season. A big part of that team's success was because of the win on Homecoming that year.

The Titans, who were ranked No. 5 at the time, hosted the No. 7 UW-Platteville Pioneers. Oshkosh, just two weeks removed from a heartbreaking last-second loss at No. 2 UW-Whitewater, had to grind out a 22-13 win over the Pioneers. Both teams went into the half tied 6-6, with both only scoring on two field goals, respectively. In the third quarter, both teams only got the ball once as both UWO and UWP's drives were lengthy. However, the difference was that the Titans' drive that took five minutes and 23 seconds ended with a field goal to make it 9-6.

Platteville's only drive of the third lasted for five minutes and 20 seconds. The Pioneers had to settle for a field goal on their long possession but missed it to keep the score at 9-6 Titans. The fourth quarter was where both teams finally cracked the endzone. On UWO's first drive of the quarter, two big passes from Kasper to wide receivers Dom Todarello and Chad Redmer for a combined 51 yards set the Titans up at the Pioneers' 1-yard line.

UWO punched it in with a run from Dylan Hecker for the Titans first touchdown of the day. The score was 15-6 Titans after UWO missed the extra point. After UWP scored a touchdown on its ensuing possession, UWO responded with another touchdown run from Heck-

er to make it 22-13. The Titans used the gap to their advantage and cruised to the win. The win for the Titans let UWO begin the NCAA tournament at home, which helped propel the Titans in their run to the National Championship.

2. Oshkosh defeats Whitewater to win the conference title in 1968.

The UW Oshkosh football team, then known as Wisconsin State College Oshkosh, won its first conference championship in 33 years after taking down Wisconsin State College Whitewater 21-14 in the Homecoming game in 1968 at Jackson Field.

It would be the first of three Wisconsin State University Conference championships for legendary Titans head coach Russ Young, who also led Oshkosh to conference titles in 1972 and 1976.

Over 10,000 people attended the game at Jackson Field, where Oshkosh played until Titan Stadium opened in 1970, to see UWO take down Whitewater for the first time in 11 years.

The Titans drew first blood in a cold and windy game early November, but by halftime, Whitewater had tied the contest 7-7.

In the third quarter, a short punt into the wind gave the Titans the ball inside Whitewater's half of the field. On the first play from scrimmage, halfback Carl Alberti broke off a 29-yard run to set up a 3-yard rushing touchdown from Brain Burbey to put Oshkosh up 14-7.

Late in the fourth quarter, with the Titans backed up inside their own half on third down, Alberti exploded for a 73-yard rushing touchdown to put UWO up 14 points.

Just three plays later, Whitewater cut the lead back to seven points after Dennis Zander connected on a 33-yard passing touchdown to Steve Hanaman.

With less than five minutes to play, the Warhawks looked poised to score once again, but Zander was picked off by Oshkosh defensive back Al Wilcox. Whitewater got one more chance to tie the game late in the fourth quarter, but Wilcox intercepted Zander once again to seal the game for the Titans.

Alberti finished the game with a career-high 125 rushing yards and



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

UWO reciever Dom Todarello (25) trys to evade a Pioneers defender in the 2016 Homecoming game against UW-Platteville, which the Titans won 22-16.

a touchdown while also catching four passes for 48 yards. Running back Ron Cardo, a UWO Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, finished the game with 68 rushing yards, giving him 998 rushing yards on the season and breaking UWO's single-season rushing record.

The Titans would have to wait to celebrate their conference title until the next week when they completed the fourth quarter of a game against Wisconsin State College Platteville that was postponed in October due to a power failure at Jackson Field during the contest.

3. Titans shock undefeated Platteville in 2024.

Last year's iteration of the Titans was a rollercoaster of ups and downs, unseating the undefeated Pioneers was the pinnacle of the season. Coming in at 4-1 and the Pioneers at 5-0, it was a matchup of WIAC behemoths. 2,366 fans packed the stands for a Top 20 matchup with the Titans set at No. 16 and the Pioneers No. 6, and they were not let down. Trae Tetzlaff also claimed the top spot for career

receptions in program history. Tetzlaff hauled in 12 receptions with the record-breaking one happening on the last play of the third quarter, when he brought in a quick 6-yard pass going out of bounds. But that was just a side story to this one.

Freshman Cole Warren continued his rookie campaign, throwing for 190 yards in 23 attempts, completing 19 of them, but was unable to find the endzone, the story for the Titans in the first half. The half was a defensive struggle for both teams, with both teams trading field goals in the first quarter and Platteville taking advantage of a fumble by putting a touchdown on the board. The Titans turned it over three times, adding on two interceptions from Warren.

At the end of the half, it was 10-3 Platteville, and Warren had the Titans rolling out of the half until he was hit hard on a scramble and had to leave the game early. That meant that fifth-year transfer quarterback Brooks Blount had to step in for the first time in the season.

The Titans never looked back, later in the drive scoring on a re-

verse play to Londyn Little. And this quarter would quickly be known as the Londyn Little quarter, after a short Platteville drive, Londyn Little took a bubble screen 68 yards to the house to take a 17-10 lead.

Platteville couldn't do anything in the third quarter, netting 23 total yards. But it wasn't just the third quarter for the Titans, and on the first play of the fourth, Blount connected with his old teammate at Waukesha West for a 54-yard touchdown. The Pioneers would bring it within a touchdown after a score with just over four minutes to go and had a drive in the Titans redzone, but could not convert on 4th-and-1 from the Titans 15 thanks to a Bryce Hinn pass breakup, and would go on to win and end the Pioneers undefeated run.

Oshkosh would go on to win the next two games with Blount at the helm, almost guaranteeing a play-off spot with one win in the last two against UW-Stout and River Falls, but they could not win either, falling short of a bid in the postseason tournament.

UWO football falls to UW-Stout in 26-17 road upset

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The UW Oshkosh football team lost 27-16 against Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) opponent UW-Stout (4-1) at Don & Nona Williams Stadium in Menomonie last Saturday.

Oshkosh's offense was held scoreless while the defense was able to generate two points by way of safety in the second half of the game, leading to 27 unanswered points by UWS.

Before giving up the lead in the fourth quarter, the Titans were dominating, heading into halftime up 14-0, thanks to a dominant half of defense. UWO's Ben Wellhofer intercepted a pass by Stout's Adam Moen in the endzone on their second drive of the game, which

was the start of the Titans first touchdown drive.

Titans quarterback Quentin Keene found his running back, Doug Burson, for a 22-yard passing touchdown in the back corner of the end zone.

A bad snap on a UWS field goal attempt set UWO up at its own 12, and the offense managed to drive down the field for their second touchdown of the day. Keene hurled an 11-yard pass to wide receiver Londyn Little after evading Stout pressure to put Oshkosh up 14-0, and that'd be it for scoring on the offensive side of things for the Titans.

UWO's punter, John Abernathy, after a scoreless opening drive to start the third quarter, left UWS at their own 2-yard line, granting the Titan defense an opportunity to force a safety.

The defense pounced on the

opportunity, and defensive lineman Curtis Jaskulke pushed Moen back into the endzone on their first play of the drive.

Moen and Stout's offense would go on to score on four straight drives, leading to a collective 27 unanswered points. Moen finished the game with 315 passing yards, three touchdown passes and a rushing touchdown.

Both quarterbacks were able to surpass 300 passing yards as Keene finished the game with 315 yards, two passing touchdowns and an interception.

Tight end Clayton Schwalbe led the Titans in receptions with five, while wide receiver Jon Mathieu accrued the most receiving yards with 56.

After having two consecutive 100-plus yard games behind Ben Vallafsky, the UWO running game struggled in his absence, topping out at 21 net yards out



Courtesy of Jeremy Cwan / UW-Stout Athletics

A Stout reciever and a Titans defender go up for a pass in the Blue Devils' 26-17 win on Saturday.

of the dynamic AJ Korth.

The No. 18 Titans (3-2, 1-1 WIAC) will return to action at home for the school's 100th Homecoming Game against the UW-Eau Claire Bluegolds in yet another conference battle, with

kickoff scheduled for 1 p.m. at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium on Saturday.

The game will be streamed on Titan TV, the WIAC Network and on the radio on 90.3 WRST-FM Oshkosh.

Volleyball wins its 21st straight set, 7th straight match

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The No. 3 ranked UW Oshkosh volleyball team swept the Carroll University Pioneers during UWO’s Senior Night on Wednesday, Oct. 8. The sweep not only led the Titans to become the first team in Division III to 20 wins, but UWO is on a run of 21 straight set wins going back to the sweep over UW-Stevens Point on Sept. 26. The Titans win was also their fourth straight win on the team’s Senior Night, dating back to a 3-0 win over Ripon College in 2022.

UWO head coach Jon Ellmann said he appreciates the level that the six seniors who were honored on Wednesday have lifted the team.

“These six have been and will continue to elevate our program every day,” Ellmann said. “I am so grateful for every minute that we get to spend with these amazing women.”

Lauren Grier led the Titans in the win with 10 kills. Samantha Perlberg, Grace Jurgens, Claire McEniry and Maren Motz also had big contributions in the kill department, with Perlberg recording eight and the trio of Jurgens, McEniry and Motz each recording seven, respectively. Jaclyn Dutkiewicz and Izzy Coon led in assists with 21 and 19, respectively.

The match was all Titans from the start. UWO opened the first set with a 6-2 lead behind two kills from Grier. The Pioneers scored the next two points to cut the Titans lead at 6-4, and from there, UWO never had a deficit lower than four points as the Titans cruised to a set one win at 25-15.

The second set was the tightest set of the night between the two teams. The set started off all Titans as UWO opened up with a 10-3 lead behind two kills from Grier and two aces from Perlberg. However, six Titan attack errors allowed the Pioneers to respond with a 9-0 run to claim their first lead of the set and the night at 12-10. From there, both teams kept trading punches and

both teams had an answer for each other. With UWO holding a 23-22 lead late in the set, the Titans were able to score the final two points with kills from Grier to win the second set 25-22.

Set three, like the first set, was dominated by the Titans. UWO jumped out to a 4-0 start, and from there the Titans were able to cruise to an easy 25-15 set three win as UWO never had a lead lower than four points. Perlberg ended the set and the match with a kill for the match point.

Winning 21-straight sets is something that Ellmann said he is pleased to see, but he knows that the team continues to work and improve every day.

“We are hyper aware that we have plenty to work on, to be able to win and learn is a luxury that we don’t take for granted,” Ellmann said. “We are just as hungry as we were on day one to move the needle forward. I’m proud of this group for coming to work each day and clocking in.”

UWO now enters a stretch from now to the season finale, where the team will play six ranked teams in its final eight games. Three of the Titans’ final eight games are against teams that are at the top of the WIAC standings, along with UWO. It is a stretch that Ellmann said



Nolan Andler / Advance-Titan
Senior Jaclyn Dutkiewicz serves the ball at the Kolf Sports Center this season.

he is excited to attack and knows that it will strengthen the team for postseason time.

“Great teams keep you grounded, nothing prepares you and sharpens you like playing in the WIAC and going toe-to-toe against some of the best teams in the country,” Ellmann said. “We are honored and excited to enter this final stretch of our regular season.”

The Titans will return to the court on Wednesday, Oct. 15 for a match at UW-La Crosse. The game between the Titans and Eagles took place at Mitchell Hall Gymnasium. You can check the results of the game at uwoshkoshtitans.com.

UWO Hall of Famer of the week: Christy Cazzola

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Christy Cazzola first stepped foot onto the UW Oshkosh campus in 2008, where she immediately made an impact on the Titans women’s cross country team. In her freshman season, she placed 37th at the NCAA Championship, ninth regionally and fourth in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC).

Notably, Cazzola finished her six-year collegiate career on both the cross country and track and field team after accumulating 17 NCAA Division III titles, 21 All-America performances and 27 WIAC Championships.

After leaving the cross country team following the 2008 season to focus on the birth of her second child, Cazzola returned to action in 2010

and won the WIAC title, and placed fourth both nationally and regionally.

Cazzola followed that up by winning two more WIAC titles and regional titles from 2011 to 2012, while also winning a national title in 2012 and placing second in nationals in 2011.

As for track and field, Cazzola’s dominance continued. From 2011 to 2014, she won 16 NCAA titles, 18 All-American awards and 24 WIAC championships. Cazzola was a part of the Titans track and field NCAA DIII title winners in 2011, 2013 and 2014.

At the NCAA Outdoor Championship, Cazzola is the only athlete to win the mile run three different times, helping her win eight championships and earn nine All-America honors.

In outdoor competition, Cazzola helped the Titans win the 2011 championship and the WIAC. Cazzola herself was an eight-time champion and nine-

time All-American while performing at the NCAA Outdoor Championship, winning the 1,500-meter run four separate times and the 800-meter as well as the 5000-meter runs in 2013 and 2014.

She not only brought plenty of championships to UWO, but Cazzola was also selected as the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association’s NCAA Scholar Athlete of the Year three different times. Cazzola was selected to the WIAC’s Women’s Track and Field All-Centennial Team in 2012 and was named the NCAA Track and Field winner of the Collegiate Women’s Sports Award in 2014.

Cazzola is now inducted into the U.S. Track and and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association’s D-III Track and Field Hall of Fame, as well as the UW Oshkosh Athletics Hall of Fame as a reward for her efforts and achievements in both sports.



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Christy Cazzola recieves her Hall of Fame plaque.



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Scoreboard

Saturday, Oct. 11
Women’s Tennis
UW-Stevens Point - 6
UWO - 1
Men’s Cross Country
3rd of 7 teams, 60 points
Women’s Cross Country
1st of 7 teams, 36 points
Football
UW-Stout - 26
UWO - 17
Women’s Soccer
UW-Stout - 2
UWO - 1
Men’s Swim and Dive
UW-Eau Claire - 184
UWO - 51
Women’s Swim and Dive
UW-Eau Claire - 178
UWO - 65

Tuesday, Oct. 14
Women’s Tennis
UW- La Crosse - 7
UWO - 0

Wednesday, Oct. 15
Volleyball
UWO - Past publication date
UW- La Crosse -

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Oct. 18
Women’s Swimming and Diving
at Wisconsin Showcase at 10 a.m.
Men’s Swimming and Diving
at Wisconsin Showcase at 10 a.m.
Women’s Cross Country
at Augustana university (S.D.)
Interregional Invitational at 11 a.m.
Men’s Cross Country
at Augustana university (S.D.)
Interregional Invitational at 11 a.m.
Football
vs UW-Eau Claire at 1 p.m.
Women’s Soccer
at UW-Platteville at 6 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 19
Women’s Tennis
at UW-River Falls at 12 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 22
Women’s Soccer
at UW-Whitewater at 7 p.m.
Women’s Volleyball
vs UW-Platteville at 7 p.m.

A-Trivia

In honor of this Saturday’s football game being the 100th Homecoming game. What is UW Oshkosh’s current homecoming winning streak?

Answer: UWO is on a 12-game winning streak dating back to 2012. (2020 canceled)



Courtesy of Steve Frommell / UWO Athletics
Bre Schultz goes up for a serve in a past match. Schultz won the only match of the day against the Pointers for UWO in the 6-1 loss.

UWO Tennis drops meet to UWSP

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The UW Oshkosh women’s tennis team hosted UW-Stevens Point on Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Kolf Sports Center Outdoor Tennis Courts, where the Pointers beat the Titans 6-1. UWO fell to 5-3 on the season, including 1-3 in conference play.

UWSP defeated UWO in all three doubles matches. Titans Olivia Pethan and Courtney Carpenter lost in extra points 7-6 against the Pointers’ Tristin Jantz and Ellie Aitken. UWO’s Kayla Gibbs and Jameson Gregory were bested by Chloe Regal and Annie Wierzbicki by a final score of 6-2. Oshkosh’s Mana Usui and Sarah Schaeffer

lost the No. 3 doubles match 6-3 to Stevens Point’s Brooklynn Steier and Allie Brosteau. The Titans won their sole match via Bre Schultz in her 7-6, 7-5 win against Ellie Aitken. UWO was defeated in five of six singles matches against UWSP. UWO’s Usui lost to Regal 7-6, 6-4, Oshkosh’s Cate Gerl was bested by Pointer’s Steier 6-0,

6-0. Titans Gibbs, Brianna Owens and Schaeffer each split a set against UWSP but eventually lost. UWO had a quick turnaround when they took on UW-La Crosse, falling 7-0 to the Eagles Tuesday night. Oshkosh will face UW-River Falls Sunday at noon on the road.



Courtesy of Steve Frommell / UWO Athletics
UWO swimmer Sienna Della-Peruta swims in a past event. Della-Peruta’s win was a highlight of one of the combined 15 podiums on the day.

Swim and dive collects 15 podiums in opener

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The UW Oshkosh men’s and women’s swim and dive teams opened its seasons with both teams falling in respective losses at UW-Eau Claire on Saturday. Despite the results, both teams took home a combined 15 podium finishes in the meet. Seven of the Titans’ podium finishes came in the men’s battle against the Blugolds. Elias Landolt led the men’s swimmers with a second-place finish in the 1000-yard freestyle with a time of 11:33.15, along with a third-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle with a 5:32.19 finish. Ethan Degroot

followed Landolt in the 1000-yard freestyle with a time of 11:51.92 to finish third in the event. Damen Serement finished second in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.73 and Charlie Mason finished second in the 100-yard backstroke with a 1:00.1 time. Charley Cook took home the final batch of medals for the men’s team with third-place finishes in the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events. The women’s team took home eight of the 15 podium finishes between the two teams. Two of the podiums for the women were first-place finishes. Sienna Della-Peruta and

Callee DeBruin took home the two wins with Della-Peruta winning the 100-yard backstroke event with a time of 1:02.28 and DeBruin winning the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:27.88. DeBruin also finished second in the 1,000-yard freestyle with a time of 11:19.88. The first podium finish of the meet for the women’s team came in the 200-yard medley relay. The squad of Payton Purdy, Ashley Celentano, Kacie Stamm and Elsa Piering finished second with a time of 1:51.74. Rowan Sinclair also got second place with a time of 1:03.64 in the 100-yard butterfly. Kori Burnett claimed

two podium finishes with a second in the 50-yard freestyle and a third in the 100-yard freestyle race with times of 26.9 and 58.38 seconds, respectively. Stamm claimed third in the 50-yard freestyle with a finish of 26.96. Maya Indiraraj had the lone podium finish for the women’s divers with a third place in the 3-meter dive. The Titans will return this Saturday for the annual Wisconsin Showcase Invite. Diving events will begin at 10 a.m. at the Racine Unified School District Aquatic Center. The swimming events will begin at 11 a.m. at the Koneitzer Aquatic Center on the campus of Carthage College.