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(Left) Davyd Piasetskyi, a Ukrainian veteran and drone operator, speaks about the drone warfare in Ukraine at the event in Reeve Union Ballroom last Wednesday, Sept. 24.
(Right) UWO student Sabrina Hanson holds a destroyed fragment of a Russian Shahed drone as part of the exhibit "Drones - The Game Changers of the War in Ukraine."

UWO welcomes Ukrainian drone operator

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Fragments of a Russian Iskander-K missile and a Shahed drone were displayed last week at UW Oshkosh's Reeve Memorial Union, alongside a wall of "Unissued Diplomas" for Ukrainian college students killed in the war.

The event was sponsored by the campus Center for Civic and Community Engagement, the Tommy G. Thompson Center and the U.S.-based nonprofit "Razom for Ukraine," which helped bring these artifacts to campus.

UWO student Vladyslav Plyaka, from Ukraine, organized this event after interning with "Razom for Ukraine" and being inspired by destroyed missile and drone fragments in the group's Washington, D.C., office.

"I realized that I must bring those to Oshkosh, Wisconsin," he said. "So, I reached out to Mike Lueder and said, 'I have a crazy idea —what do you think?'"

Mike Lueder, director of the Center for Civic and Community Engagement on campus, said he originally turned Plyaka away, but his persistence made the event possible.

"After his second request, I agreed," he said. "He did the

work applying for grants, securing funding for speakers, shipping drones to Oshkosh and developing this amazing exhibit."

The event featured a reception with Davyd Piasetskyi, a Ukrainian veteran and drone operator who shared his experiences about the role of drones in modern warfare alongside his wife, Diana Braslavskya-Piasetska.

Braslavskya-Piasetska recalled the night the invasion began and said when she and her husband went to bed, they prepared themselves for an evacuation as Russian attacks struck Ukrainian cities.

"The night when we knew that Russia invaded and Ukrainian cities were being bombed, we went to sleep fully dressed, with our backpacks ready to go," she said.

Piasetskyi said his initial priority after the initial invasion was Braslavskya-Piasetska's safety.

"My first thought was how to get Diana safe at first, and that was it," he said. "So, on the second day I sent Diana to the western border, and she was able to leave for Portugal."

Plyaka said he hoped Piasetskyi defied students' expectations about war and educated people on how cheap FPV drones can be mass-produced for adoption on

the battlefield.

"When people think about war, they imagine tanks and soldiers on land, but drones have changed the battlefield," he said. "A \$500 FPV drone can destroy a million-dollar tank, and smaller countries like Ukraine are mass producing them to counter bigger powers like Russia."

Plyaka said the war affects more than just Ukraine, and highlighted international security concerns about drones, referencing Sept. 10, 2025, when Russian drones entered Polish airspace.

"Russia just launched 19 drones toward Poland," he said. "Three were shot down, but there is no safe place left in the world; the more informed people are, the safer they can be."

Sharing firsthand experiences from the front lines, drone operator Piasetskyi highlighted his concerns about the potential global impact of the war.

"It's important to remember the war in Ukraine affects all of us," he said. "The longer the United States waits to get more involved, the worse it's going to be."

Piasetskyi tried to enlist three days after Russia's full-scale invasion in 2022, started his drone training in November 2023 and joined Ukraine's Third Assault

Brigade March 25, 2024.

Before the war, he worked remotely at an American I.T. company in Ukraine's health sector and helped patients receive end-of-life care at home.

"I was helping patients with terminal illnesses spend their last days at home rather than in a hospital bed," he said. "I had no intention of being a drone pilot before the war."

While Piasetskyi said learning to operate FPV drones was fast, his training was intensive, and using a video game-like flight simulator, he mastered the basics to operate a drone quickly.

"When I bought my first drone, I spent roughly hours on a battlefield flight simulator," he said. "But you can buy a drone and be good to fly in 40 hours or less."

While the destroyed drones stand for the importance of being united beyond national borders, Plyaka said the exhibit honoring students killed during the conflict illustrates the cost of war on future generations.

"We showcase the stories of 40 Ukrainian college students killed at the beginning of the invasion," he said. "So many young people, families, even newborns have been killed."

The wall full of unissued diplo-

mas is also personal for Plyaka as a Ukrainian student who knows friends that have died defending Ukraine.

"The exhibit also honors the memory of my friend; his call name was Stambul," he said. "He became a drone operator, and sadly was killed on the battlefield in July last year."

Plyaka said organizing the exhibit involved solving problems like finding drone parts and doing research into the technology, but he received support from his peers along the way.

"First I had to find the drone pieces and figure out how to ship them, because not every postal service wants to ship destroyed parts of a cruise missile," he said. "Then I had to research drone warfare, plan the exhibit, and create an immersive experience."

Plyaka said his work was rewarding and that he plans to organize more events as a voice for Ukraine, showcasing the brutal costs of Russia's war.

"I want to create even bigger events in the future," he said. "I've had people text me about how impactful this was, they want to do more advocacy, and that inspires me."

Turn to **Drones** / Pages 4 and 5 for a photo series on the event.

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Constructon workers prepare to renovate the U.S. Highway 45 bridge in Oshkosh last month. Construction is expected to last until 2026.

Area leaders call for road improvements

By Jacob Link
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City of Oshkosh Mayor Matt Mugerauer and other area leaders called for the completion of overdue road improvement projects on community highways Monday during a “Re-VITAL-ize” event hosted by the League of Wisconsin Municipalities and the Transportation Development Association of Wisconsin.

Mugerauer said that roads are the backbone of the Oshkosh community.

“The state highways running through our community have been vital to our success,” Mugerauer said. “Yet, as Oshkosh continues to evolve, these aging roadways need to be modernized to support our businesses and ensure resident safety. We need to plan for the future and ensure Wisconsin has sufficient resources to make the investments necessary to

drive the success of our city and communities statewide.”

Re-VITAL-ize Wisconsin Community Highways is a statewide campaign from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities and the Transportation Development Association of Wisconsin that calls for the state to complete planned road construction.

Mugerauer was joined at the Oshkosh edition of “Re-VITAL-ize” by James Rabe, the city’s director of public works, Jim Collins, the director of transportation, Amy Albright, the executive director of the Oshkosh Convention and Visitors Bureau, Alex Hummel, chief of staff at UW Oshkosh and Aaron Droessler, chief of the Oshkosh Fire Department.

Droessler said that the conditions of roadways in the city affect how first responders arrive at emergency situations.

“Bad roads negatively impact the timing of our responses, not

to mention bad roads are rough on our equipment,” Droessler said.

Hummel said that the university appreciates the maintenance of local roads.

“UW Oshkosh is grateful for any investment in our roads in and around the city because it is a factor in why a UWO graduate wants to stay and live here after graduation,” Hummel said. “Ease of getting around — be it to a job or to the airport or shopping — these things matter and play a huge part in quality-of-life that keeps students here in Wisconsin.”

According to Re-VITAL-ize Wisconsin’s Community Highways, the recently enacted state transportation budget boosts funding for the State Highway Rehabilitation subprogram and includes inflationary adjustments for local transportation aids. The group says that local leaders have

warned that the highway rehabilitation program is insufficient without a sustainable, long-term funding solution.

League of Wisconsin Municipalities Government Affairs Director Toni Herkert said that this is because the current funding model pits state and local road improvements against each other and often favors short-term patches over long-lasting solutions.

“While the current budget is a positive step, building upon recent budgets and keeping projects moving for the next two years, we fear that without a long-term fix to funding transportation, the state risks delayed projects and deteriorating infrastructure,” Herkert said.

Herkert said the “Re-VITAL-ize” campaign will continue to make stops throughout Wisconsin, and more information can be found on the group’s Facebook page.

UWO awards bachelor’s degree posthumously

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A former UW Oshkosh student, who died before being able to receive her diploma, is getting recognized.

Mary “Christina” Moodie, a communications major, was awarded her bachelor’s degree posthumously in a ceremony on Aug. 1. The event took place in the chancellor’s office and was attended by her family and university officials.

“Christina’s life reflected courage, devotion and a deep commitment to her children’s future,” said Chancellor Manohar Singh. “When her family asked us to consider a posthumous degree, it was clear to everyone that we would honor her in this way, ensuring that her legacy endures through her children and through this university.”

Moodie, 34, died unexpectedly from an underlying heart condition on July 3, 2024, at her home in Stevens Point. She had nearly completed all requirements for graduation when she passed away.

Her mother, Mary Altenburg, reached out to the university after Moodie’s death, seeking formal recognition of her daughter’s work.

University policy allows for a posthumous degree if a student is within one semester of completion and the request is endorsed by the registrar, college dean, provost and chancellor.

During the ceremony, Moodie’s father, Alan Meyer, read her application essay, which she had written in 2023. Moodie had previously paused her studies to raise her children but returned to finish her degree to show them, in her own words, “how valuable higher education is and I want them to see me work hard to accomplish my goals.”

For her mother, Altenburg, the formal recognition provided a measure of peace.

“The ceremony in the chancellor’s office was more than a symbolic gesture; it was a profoundly

meaningful moment for our entire family,” she said. “But seeing her dream fulfilled and knowing that her dedication and hard work were recognized, brought a sense of peace and healing that we truly needed.”



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Chancellor Singh hands a diploma to Barry Moodie, as his children Emmett and Kate look on.



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Your College Sex Guru.

Beats to bang to

By Suzanne Dawood
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Welcome to Sex In-the-920! I’m the Carrie Bradshaw of UW Oshkosh, or your college sex guru. As “cuffing season” is approaching, so is sex. To be totally blunt, silence during sexual intercourse can be awkward if you don’t have a deep connection with someone, or even if you do, it can just be awkward. I couldn’t help but wonder, what are people listening to when they are intimate with another individual? That being said, I display songs to have “fun” to, or in other words, beats to bang to for different occasions. These songs can also just be used for a long night drive, or just to listen to.

“Good Looking” by Suki Waterhouse

The lyrics within this song are just beautiful to say the least. This song talks about being absolutely infatuated by someone, and just recognizing how something is so beautiful. And that’s what sex is. When you truly love someone, sex is the closest you could possibly get with another individual. This song just allows for the calmness, but also a little playful aura behind it. I believe this song doesn’t fit a one-night stand vibe though, it’s more so for a relationship sort of ordeal, but it can honestly be used for any type of relationship.

“So Anxious” by Genuine

Hear me out. I know, this can give romantic or romant-ICK, but I believe that’s what makes it fun. Think R&B type of love. I see roses on the bed, champagne and gold dimmed lighting. This song is an attractive slow song, and has those beat drops. May I say more?

“False God” by Taylor Swift

This, hands down, is Taylor Swift’s most attractive song. She knew what she was doing with that saxophone. It truly is just a beautiful song, that has so many different rhythms and is honestly very calming, and can allow for a calming experience.

“not a lot, just forever” by Adrienne Lenker

This song is just so beautiful, and once again fits under the idea of really loving someone, and your company with them. Such a perfect song, and there’s honestly no other words to it. This song is also a good song to cry to, write to or do homework to. Might I add, sounds perfect on vinyl.

“my hair” by Ariana Grande

Another slow song, but this song is a little different. This song holds dominance over the individual and allows that person to touch “my hair” or something that is delicate to the touch. This song allows for a sense of trust and beauty behind femininity, but also beauty in general.

Now, I’ve noticed that all the songs I chose are more slow and downlow, but I believe that is less tacky than listening to something aggressive, with a crazy bass. Each one of these songs can represent different moments of love, but also again can be used to just listen to, and honestly you could do homework to all of these, or read this column to them! Remember what’s best for you and your relationship is what is best for you. Never let anyone tell you what’s best for your relationship but yourself and your partner. But if you’re looking for advice, for a little bit of spice, maybe take these into consideration.



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The “UWO Batman” perches ontop of the university’s parking garage on High Avenue.

UWO Batman

The mystery under the cape and cowl

By Alex Marzu
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With the arrival of the Oshkosh Pisser on campus, it has left students, faculty and on-campus security stunned as to their identity and motive. It has also attracted one more party to this mystery: UWO Batman.

Batman has been spotted by multiple students on campus since he made his debut earlier this month and has made his presence known through his TikTok account, “UWO Batman,” where he posts sporadically about updates

regarding the Pisser and other topics while he is on patrol.

In our interview this past Thursday night, some facts we have learned about Batman is:

Batman is just one guy. Batman and “The Pisser” are “mortal enemies.”

Batman has lived in Oshkosh all his life.

“The Pisser” has been in hiding since Sept. 5.

Batman is friends with the police.

Batman posted that the police have broken his trust due to trying to exile the Batmobile (a.k.a. asking him to stop

riding a scooter due to violating the residence code).

If you litter, Batman will “hunt you down and take you out.”

Batman says he knows the identity of “The Pisser.”

So what do we make of Batman? Is this vigilante friend or foe? Is he in cahoots with “The Pisser” by protecting their identity? All of these questions will be unanswered for now, largely left up to your interpretation.

But there is one that is pressing on the minds of everyone on campus: Who is the UWO Batman?

The UWO Pisser’s response

By The UWO Pisser

I am “The Pisser.” To settle the debates I am in fact not a freshman. I originally saw it on TikTok and decided to hop on the trend after seeing some

other Universities of Wisconsin schools having pissers. I’ve been asked on multiple occasions to piss on different dorms, buildings and even local bars. Now, was it a water bottle? That’s for you to de-

cide. The Oshkosh Batman is trying to track me down, but he is slow and uncalculated. I am always one step ahead. Many of you know exactly who I am, but you’ll never know my true identity.

We can do better during Pub Crawl

By Isaac Pischer
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This is something I’ve considered writing for the last year, but I’ve held off. I’ve held off because I am scared about the backlash that I am probably going to receive, including in the A-T newsroom itself, as this paper is being assembled and sent off to the printer. As the Assistant News Editor, this is outside of my normal realm of operations, but it’s necessary to get this out there, in advance of this coming weekend.

Pub Crawl is stupid!
Yes, you heard me right. The annual event in which everyone sees how drunk they can get is dumb, a horrible representation of who we are and quite frank-

ly, dangerous. Just consider the facts.

Two years ago, shots were fired during what is known as “Spring Crawl.” I’ve heard from numerous people about the horror that was caused, particularly being commanded by cops to leave a house with your hands up. The year before, a weapon was pulled. Just last year there was a stabbing on Woodland Avenue.

There is one section in the A-T that I’m proud we don’t frequently publish: the obituaries. However, it certainly seems at times that we are close to that moment, especially when we have events like this that the student population partakes in. Just think about what happened in Milwaukee a month ago when two Marquette

lacrosse players were killed because of an intoxicated driver.

UW Oshkosh is frequently known to others as either “Sloshkosh” or UW-0. I know you are better than that. Just think about how much better campus could be without that persona attached to it. Maybe we could even increase the student population. I mean, do you want to be considered a zero?

Don’t get me wrong, I’m all about drinking and having a good time, but three conditions need to be met: It needs to be done prudently, responsibly and moderately. In my experience, crawling and drinking until you pass out doesn’t fit that bill.

As author Edward Sri said, “properly using alcohol (in addition to avoiding drug use) allows

you to keep custody over your decisions while also allowing you to celebrate.” I know it may seem like this is saying things along the lines of ‘alcohol is bad’ and what not, but it’s more about doing it properly and knowing the risks. This allows you to be free, so you are able to celebrate without being dependent on alcohol use. The thing is, when we fully possess ourselves and aren’t reliant on alcohol, we can enter more deeply into the relationships that mean the most to us.

Additionally, our brain needs 24 to 72 hours to recover from a single binge-drinking episode. This means that there is a good chance that the effects could last into mid-week after pub crawl, especially if you do it frequent-

ly. While I realize you might not consider academics to be important, what if this is the balance between passing and failing your class? Do you think a weekend partying is worth the thousands of dollars that it would cost?

If I won one person over with this, I’m proud. Otherwise, know that the Oshkosh Police Department is happy to help anyone in need. I know it seems like all they will do is write UAL and open intox’ citations, trying to ensure your already empty wallet is lighter, but I can assure you they just want to make sure you are safe. We can do better than this.

Have a safe, happy and responsible crawl for those of you who participate. I will see you next week.



Linnea Morris, a graduate of Lawrence University, and Bohdan Tataryn, a senior at Lawrence, listen to the speakers at the event.



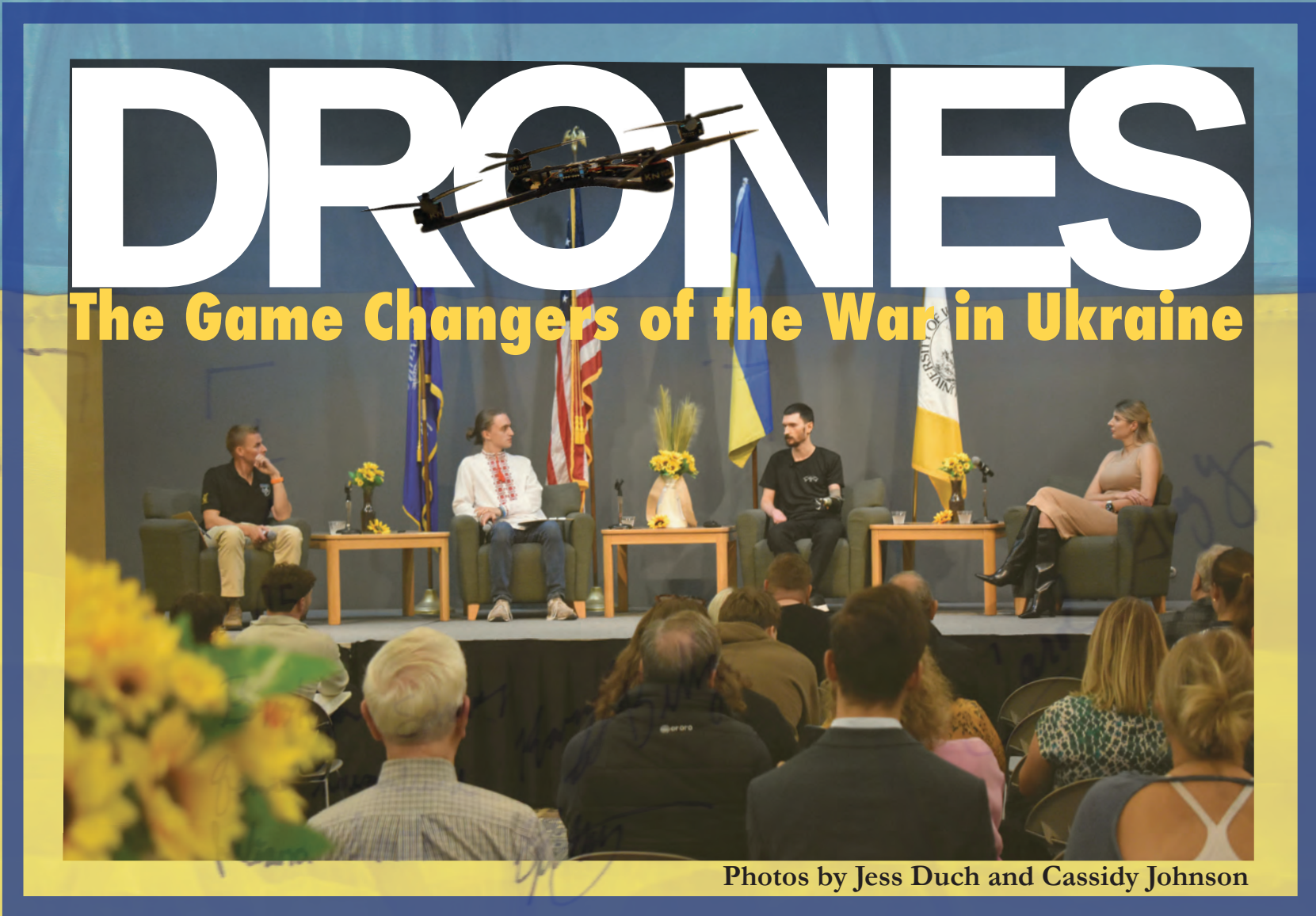
Stickers made by the Center for Civic Engagement were free for guests at the event to take.



Sabrina Hanson, a criminal justice major from Monroe, examines a piece of a Shahed Drone.



The event organizer Vladyslav Plyaka, a UWO junior multi-media journalism and political science major, hosts the drone event.



Photos by Jess Duch and Cassidy Johnson



Davyd Piasetskyi, a Ukrainian veteran drone operator, speaks about his experience fighting for Ukraine.



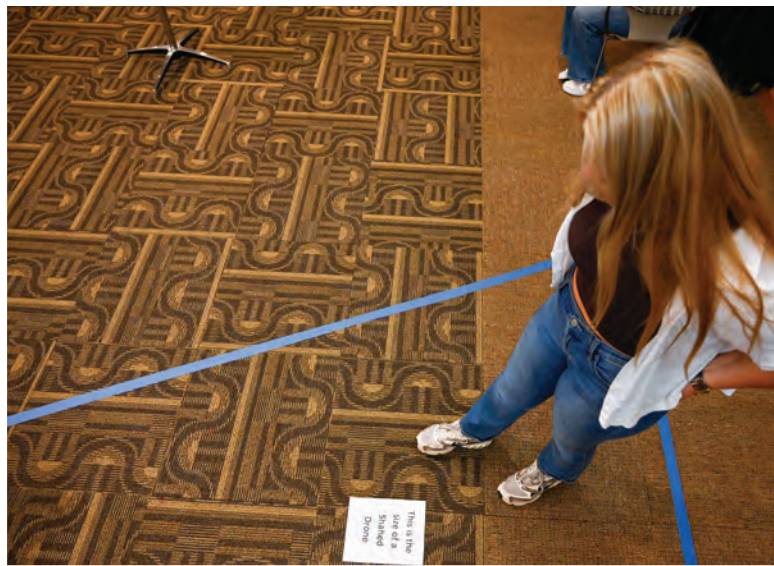
Alex Flood, a UWO junior psychology major, looks at a fragment of a Shahed Drone.



Paul Steeno from WFRV-TV, the CBS affiliate out of Green Bay, films the discussion.



Guests on each side of the exhibit view photos taken by Kostiantyn Yuzviuk, a Ukrainian who died fighting against Russia.



Oshkosh senior communications major Cassidy Johnson looks at a to-scale outline of a Shahed Drone.



Dyllon Anderson, a UWO senior secondary education major, looks at photographs taken by Kostiantyn Yuzviuk during his time fighting for Ukraine.

Cross country dominates first two weeks

By Brayden Junkers
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Something is brewing with the UW Oshkosh men’s cross country team as the Titans have won their first two races.

UWO senior Cameron Cullen said a big part of this is that the Titans have a new standard for this season.

“Our goal is to finish higher at conference as last year was a disappointing season, when we were second to last,” Cullen said. “Our overall goal is to make it to nationals, and we feel like we have the people and the talent to do it.”

This year Cullen has finished first in both of the opening two meets of the season and has been named Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Cross Country Athlete of the Week for two straight weeks.

Cullen said that the award is special to him and is something that he doesn’t take for granted.

“It’s a really big accomplishment and it kind of just speaks to my coaching staff, my team and my ability from God to run with the talent level I have,” Cullen said.

Cullen said that on long bus trips, he and his teammates play “Flappy Golf” on their phones to stay relaxed before a race, and that most of his teammates are also his roommates which plays a big factor with the team spending so much time together.

Cullen said his biggest goal is to get to nationals, earn an all-conference award, be top 15 in the region and potentially earn an All-America Award. To accomplish these goals, the Kewaunee native said that he focused on mileage building over the summer and ran over 100 miles in a week twice.

“I’m fortunate that my brother also runs at a college at Stevens point, so we do a lot of training together,” Cullen said.

Cullen said that he still does mileage building during the season with his teammates and works on tempo running drills to focus on two to three maximum effort runs each week before races.

Noah Mosely, a sophomore runner on the team, attributed the squad’s success to the brand-new cross country course in Oshkosh called the XC Ranch, located on County Road S.

“It’s a fantastic course,” Mosely said. “It’s a very fast course as well and that it will turn heads.”

The Titans raced at the XC Ranch Sept. 19 in the UW Oshkosh Titan Fall Classic, winning the five-team meet with 30 points.

Cullen took home the individual title in 24:54 while four more Oshkosh runners placed inside the top 15.

The Titans will host the UW Oshkosh Open Oct. 24 before the WIAC Championship arrives at the XC Ranch Nov. 1.



Courtesy of Steve Frommell / UWO Athletics

UWO’s Cameron Cullen runs in the inaugural Titan Fall Classic at the XC Ranch. Cullen recorded his second win at a meet in the last two weeks with a time of 25:54.

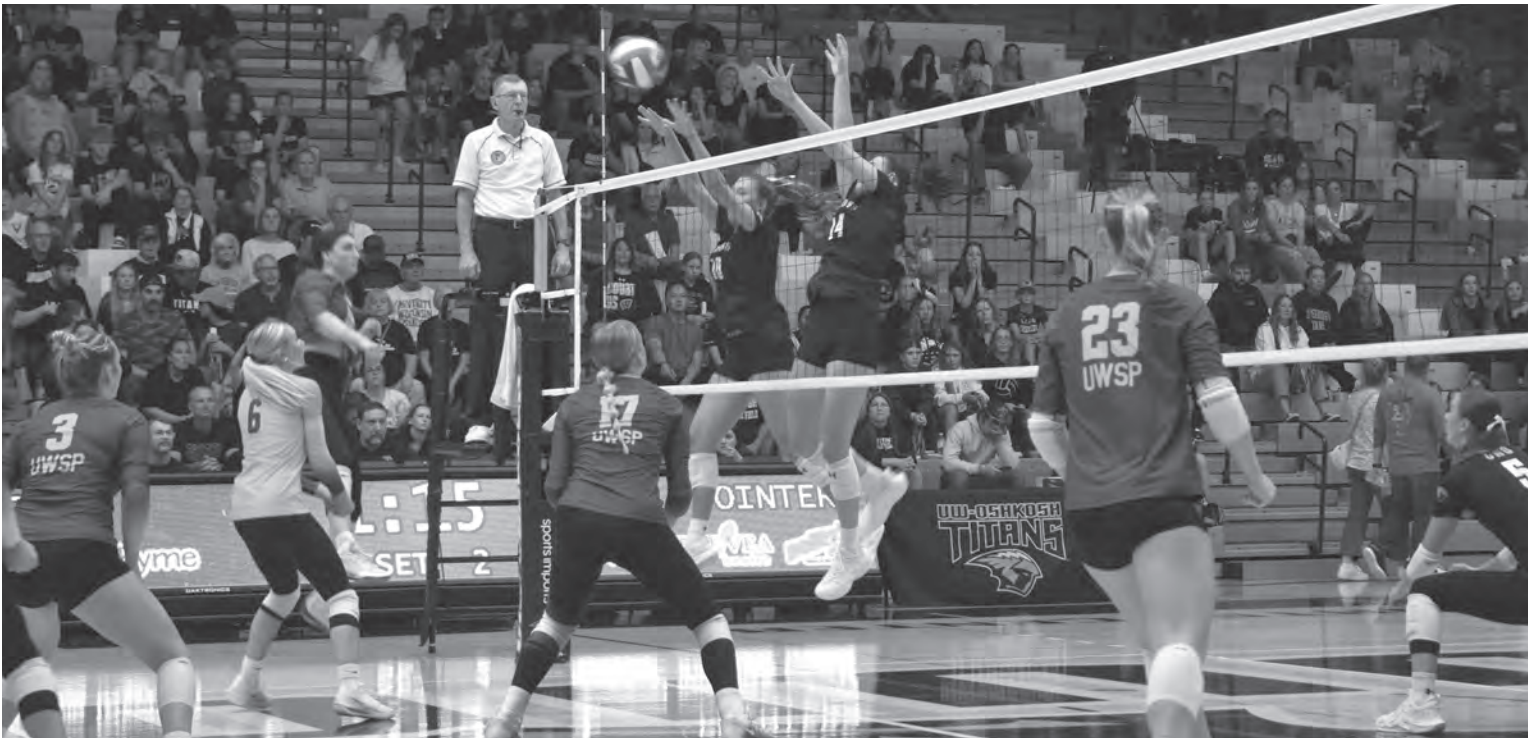
Mosely said that the team is focusing on staying healthy this season.

“Last year we were really struggling with injuries,” he said.

“(We) are doing those little things to stay healthy and hold each other accountable and so that we become the best runners.”

UWO will hit the road Friday,

Oct. 3, to run at the UW-Eau Claire Bugold Invitational. The race will start for the women’s team at 4:15 p.m. and the men’s team at 5:15 p.m.



Nolan Andler / Advance-Titan

Lauren Grier (14) and Maren Motz (18) try to block a kill from UWSP. UWO beat the Pointers 3-0 in the third ever Community Night.

Titans win community night game

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The No. 3 nationally ranked UW Oshkosh women’s volleyball team swept the UW-Stevens Point Pointers this past Friday (Sept. 26) for its third annual Community Night at Kolf Sports Center.

“It was a pretty special evening for our team,” UWO coach, Jon Ellmann said. “There were like 50 little kids running around the

back of the bounce houses. It’s already been worth it.”

There were 1,595 people in attendance for Community Night with the main focus on youth volleyball players engaging with collegiate-level volleyball.

The Titans took the first set 25-19, with 14 of their points coming from kills. The Pointers had 13 kills in the first set. The second set was all UWO, where they won 25-12. UWO marked 10 kills on the stat sheet in the second set, while the UWSP chalked up six kills. The Titans took the third

set 25-18 to end the match in a sweep. UWO had 16 kills in the final set, and the Pointers added 14 more kills to their match total.

After a close first set, Ellmann said Oshkosh was able to blow out UWSP in sets two and three because of the team’s ability to tighten things up.

“Our serve-pass game just got steady and so when we were scrapping all over the place on defense and flying all over the place, then we were able to get into a rhythm offensively,” Ellmann said.

Junior Samantha Perlberg finished the contest with 14 kills while hitting .394 and adding 10 digs. Grace Jurgens was the second Titan in double digit kills with 10, while hitting .310 and adding 8 digs. Callie Panasuk led the team in digs with 16, while Izzy Coon led the team in assists with 19 and Lauren Grier was the team leader in blocks with six.

The Titans will be back in action on Friday, Oct. 3, when they will travel to Don Page Arena in River Falls to face the UW-River Falls Falcons at 7 p.m.

Bornhorst earns WIAC award

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UW Oshkosh golfer Sydney Bornhorst has been named women’s golfer of the week by the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) for her efforts on the course.

Bornhorst is a senior from Grayslake, Illinois, who transferred to UWO from College of Lake Country (Illinois).

During the season, Bornhorst has averaged 81.1 strokes per round, allowing her to finish in the top 10 in four of the last five meets individually, as well as helping the team place in the top three in four of the last five meets as well. Her lowest round score was a 76 back on Sept. 19, which is four over the course par. The second round of the meet was cancelled due to weather.

Bornhorst and the rest of the Titans will be back on the course on Oct. 3 at the Reedsburg Country Club, as the team competes in the WIAC Championships, which are hosted by UW-Stout.

UWO football prepares to face River Falls

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The UW Oshkosh football team will face off against UW-River Falls for the 69th time in school history this Saturday (Oct. 4) in a matchup that has been tightly contested over the past few years.

Despite the Falcons leading the overall series with a record of 37-30-1, UWO holds a 16-8 record against UWRF since the year 2000. But, UWRF has beaten the Titans in three of the last four four matchups dating back to 2021. Three games in that stretch were also decided by a single score.

UWO tight end Clayton Schwalbe said that although this year’s contest against the Falcons is another big matchup for the team, they are only focused on the road ahead.

“Our team knows how good the WIAC is and we know that every conference game can be the difference between us making the postseason and not,” Schwalbe said. “We prepare and hold ourselves to the same high standard every week no matter who we have that week, every week is a chance to get better.”

Not only have three of the past four meetings between the Falcons and Titans been decided by single digits, but in all four games, the lower ranked team in each matchup won. UWRF beat the Titans at UWO in 2021 with a score of 28-21. In that game, the Falcons were unranked and the Titans were ranked No. 19, similar to last year when the Falcons won at home 28-14. In 2022, in a matchup at UWRF between the No. 16 Titans and No. 17 Falcons, the Titans fell



Kyle Scharenbach (9) chats with UW-River Falls wide receiver Andy Groebner (83) in the end zone before the Falcons took home a 27-24 victory on Oct. 8, 2022.

27-24 after coming back from a 17-3 deficit. UWO’s lone win over the Falcons in the last four years came in the final game of the regular season in 2023 when the unranked Titans upset No. 11 UWRF 38-31.

A big piece of River Falls’ resurgence this decade has been behind the play of fifth-year senior quarterback Kaleb Blaha. Blaha set the Falcons’ single season record for total offensive yards in 2023 and has been at the forefront of UWRF’s “Top Gun Offense,” which led the

WIAC in 2022, 2023 and so far in 2025 in most offensive statistics. Blaha, who is a dual-threat quarterback, can affect a defense in many ways, UWO linebacker Kyle Dietzen said.

“(Blaha) is a very talented football player, he’s able to beat defenses with his arm as well as his legs,” Dietzen said. “By understanding and recognizing, he can make plays in the air and on the ground, our defense is talented enough to be dynamic.”

In the past four seasons, this matchup was the difference

between one or both of the teams making the postseason. UWRF’s wins in 2021 and 2022 helped get them to back-to-back appearances in the annual Culver’s Isthmus Bowl. The Titans’ upset over the Falcons in 2023 not only ended any hope that the Falcons had at making the NCAA Tournament, but also kicked UWRF out of a third straight Isthmus Bowl due to the bowl game’s tiebreaker rules. When UWRF returned the favor last season, UWO lost its chance at possibly getting

a berth in the NCAA tournament. The Titans also lost what would’ve been their first bid into the Isthmus Bowl.

This year’s edition of the No. 11 Falcons taking on the No. 15 Titans will be the second matchup between the two when both are in the D3Football.com top 25 since 2022.

The game will kick off at 1 p.m. on Oct. 4 at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium. The game can be streamed on the WIAC Network or on the radio on 90.3 WRST-FM.

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Scoreboard

Wednesday, Sept. 24

Women’s Soccer
UWO - 3
North Park (Illinois) - 0

Friday, Sept. 26

Women’s Tennis
UWO - 7
UW-Stout - 0
Women’s Volleyball
UWO - 3
UW-Stevens Point - 0

Monday, Sept. 29

Women’s Soccer
UWO - 1
St. Norbert - 0

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Women’s Volleyball
UWO - 3
Carthage - 0

UWO - 3
Edgewood - 0

Upcoming Events

Friday, Oct. 3

Women’s Golf
at WIAC Championship at 11 a.m.
Women’s Cross Country
at UW-Eau Claire Blugold Invitational
at 4:15 p.m.
Men’s Cross Country
at UW-Eau Claire Blugold Invitational
at 5:15 p.m.
Women’s Volleyball
at UW-River Falls at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4

Women’s Golf
at WIAC Championship at 8:30 a.m.
Women’s Tennis
vs UW-Eau Claire at 9 a.m.
Football
vs UW-River Falls at 1 p.m.
Women’s Soccer
at UW-Eau Claire at 2 p.m.
Women’s Volleyball
vs Macalester (Minnesota) at 3 p.m.
vs Saint Benedict (Minnesota) at 5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 5

Women’s Golf
at WIAC Championship at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

Women’s Volleyball
vs Carroll at 7 p.m.
Women’s Soccer
vs UW-Stevens Point at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 11

Women’s Tennis
vs UW-Stevens Point at 11 a.m.
Football
at UW-Stout at 1 p.m.

A-Trivia

What was the attendance of last year’s Women’s Volleyball community night?

Answer: Last years community night had 2043 people in attendance.



Courtesy of Steve Frommell / UWO Athletics

Bre Schultz volleys the ball over the net in a match earlier this season at the Kolf Sports Center Outdoor Tennis Courts.

Women’s tennis wins fifth straight match

By Matthew Hoyman
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The UW Oshkosh women’s tennis team (5-1) won its fifth straight contest after the Titans beat UW-Stout (2-5) at the Kolf Sports Center Outdoor Tennis Courts Sept. 27.

UWO won its fourth straight match in 7-0 fashion, improving to 3-0 at home and 5-1 on the

season. Since 1978, the Titans have a 35-14 record against the Blue Devils.

Oshkosh held its own in the doubles competition, going 2-1. In the first matchup, UWO’s Olivia Pethan and Courtney Carpenter defeated UWS’s Prajna Hosamane and Gretchen Murphy 6-0. The Blue Devils evened it up in the second match with Aspen Johnson and Ashlyn

Dellemann beating Kayla Gibbs and Jameson Gregory 6-4. The Titans won the last doubles competition 6-0, with Mana Usui and Sarah Schaeffer defeating Lindsay Leuzinger and Lexie Stein.

The Titans dominated singles competition by winning all six matches. Pethan defeated Hosamane 6-1, 6-2. Oshkosh’s Usui beat Johnson, 6-1, 6-2.

UWO’s Gibbs succeeded against Leuzinger 6-1, 6-0. The Titans’ Brinna Owens won against Dellemann 6-4, 6-3. Bre Schultz outlasted Murphy 6-0, 6-3. In the last match, UWO’s Cate Gerl defeated Stein 6-4, 6-4.

The Titans have a week off before they play UW-Eau Claire in Oshkosh at the Kolf Sports Center Outdoor Tennis Courts on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 9 a.m.

UWO soccer shuts out two opponents



Courtesy of Terri Cole / UWO Athletics

Arianna Gonzalez takes a shot against St. Norbert College. Gonzalez scored the lone goal in the contest to lead UWO to victory.

By Joey Egan
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The UW Oshkosh women’s soccer team defeated North Park University (Illinois) 3-0 on Sept. 24 in Chicago.

The Titans’ goals would all be scored in the first half of the game. Just 3:43 minutes into the match, UWO’s Ariana Gonzalez fired the ball past the Vikings’ goal-

keeper for her first goal of the season. The score was assisted by Shannon Walsh, her first of the year. The Titans’ next goal would come 8:18 minutes into the match as Ella Duckmann shot toward the lower left of the goal frame to score her first goal, which was unassisted. At the 37th minute mark, Ariana Gonzalez drew a penalty kick in the box and converted on her

attempt to score the final goal of the night for Oshkosh.

The Titans scored on three of their six shots on goal on the night while North Park missed on all four shots on goal. UWO goalkeeper Mallory Kerhin saved four shots, while North Park’s Paige MacRichie would save three shots. The Titans drew three fouls and allowed four fouls to North Park.

UWO upped its unbeaten streak to four straight games after Gonzalez tallied a goal in the seventh minute to send the Titans past St. Norbert College 1-0 in De Pere on Sept. 29. Oshkosh outshot the Green Knights 25-5 and Kerhin tallied two saves.

The Titans will return to action Saturday Oct. 4 to take on UW-Eau Claire at Simpson Field at 2 p.m.