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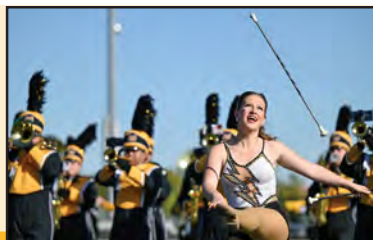
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(Left) Protesters hold American flags and signs out toward cars passing along Congress Avenue during the “No Kings” protest Oct. 18 in downtown Oshkosh. (Right) Oshkosh native Patricia Martinez engages with the crowd of protesters by speaking chants into a megaphone.

‘Donald Trump has got to go!’

Protesters condemn the president’s policies, morality

By Josh Lehner
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People lined the sidewalks of Algoma Boulevard and Congress Avenue near the Paine Art Center and Gardens in protest of President Donald Trump’s administration Oct. 18, calling for a return to pro-democracy values and policies.

Chants rang out amid the honking of passing cars as protesters waved flags and held signs, some of which read, “No more kings!,” “No one is above the law” and “Immigrants make America great.”

Some protesters donned costumes, including a unicorn, a chipmunk, a panda and a red crewmate from the video game “Among Us” holding a sign that read, “Eject Donald Trump from the White House.”

The “No Kings” protest on Oct. 18 was one of many held in the past few months, both in Oshkosh and across the country. Earlier in the day, a similar protest occurred in Appleton.

Oshkosh’s protest was organized by the Oshkosh-based Peaceful Patriots, which describes itself as a nonpartisan, anti-authoritarian, anti-fascist and pro-democracy group. Peaceful Patriots leader and or-

ganizer Danny Schierl said he collaborated with protest organizers in Appleton so that people there could also travel to Oshkosh later in the day, and that it’s important to prioritize the values of democracy.

“We are the people who run the democracy,” he said. “Our voice matters, our vote matters and people need to be heard. ... That’s one of our big things with Peaceful Patriots: One of our missions and goals is to spread awareness and to fight for our democracy peacefully, and gather and flex our First Amendment rights.”

Oshkosh resident Kathy Webb’s sign read, “No kings since 1776.” She said she’s appalled by the hate and lies from the Trump administration.

“...It just breaks my heart when I see how Trump is trying to stir up the American public to fight each other,” she said. “I believe in freedom; I believe in the Constitution; I believe in my right to protest.”

Webb said she’s appreciative of the opportunity to represent those whose voices aren’t being heard.

“I am grateful that I can come out and speak my truth for those that can’t — that are being wrongfully kidnapped off the street,” she said.

“It just breaks my heart. I’ve been moved to tears many times to see the hate and the injustice and all the things that Trump is breaking the Constitution over and hurting the American public. He is not making America great again.”

She said that if she could speak to Trump, she’d encourage him to act with humility.

“I know there’s a good person inside there somewhere, and I wish (his) ego would get smaller, so (he) could really, truly make America great again,” she said. “Here, America is hurting, and we need true leadership. So (Trump needs to) stop the lying and get the ego out of the way and be a real American president.”

Standing on the street corner facing toward the protesters, Oshkosh native Patricia Martinez led the protesters in chants with a megaphone.

“This is what democracy looks like,” “Hey, hey, ho, ho, Donald Trump has got to go” and “We the people won’t bow down” were among their chants.

Martinez said she’s concerned about some of the more recent political changes concerning women’s rights.

“I support abortion; I support the freedom of your body; I support ev-



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A protester holds a sign during the “No Kings” event on Saturday.

everything this (protest) stands for,” she said. “I’m totally against our President. ... So I just wanted to come out here and let people know I do not align with him and don’t align with his beliefs.”

She said she decided to protest because she stands against everything Trump stands for.

“I’ve never supported (Trump),” she said. “I feel like there could be anyone but him to be better in the world (as President). That’s how I feel.”

Martinez said that if she could

speak to Trump, she’d question his morals and integrity.

“How do you sleep at night?” she said. “How are you living with yourself? ... How do you run the country and feel good about that? It doesn’t make sense.”

The “No Kings” protest on Oct. 18 ran from 1 to 4 p.m. Various other protests have been scheduled by Peaceful Patriots throughout October and November.

More information about Peaceful Patriots can be found at their website, peaceful-patriots.com.

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Planned Parenthood pauses abortions

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Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin temporarily paused scheduling abortion appointments Oct. 1 due to new funding restrictions. Amber Lusvardi, an associate professor of political science at UW Oshkosh, said that President Donald Trump’s One Big Beautiful Bill is a large part of why Planned Parenthood has halted the scheduling of abortions in Wisconsin.

“It included a provision that said if you are a private service provider that provides abortions and you get more than \$800,000 from Medicaid in a year, then you’re losing your funding,” Lusvardi said. “This really applies to Planned Parenthood because Planned Parenthood is a major provider of services, particularly to people who tend to be low income because it’s part of their mission, their goal, to provide services to people whether or not they are able to pay. . . . I think in Wisconsin, it’s like two-thirds of everyone who goes to Planned Parenthood is on Medicaid. So when those funds are cut, suddenly Planned Parenthood is out a big portion of their budget.”

Lusvardi said that the Hyde Amendment of 1977 already states that federal funding cannot be used for abortion services.

“So instead, what (One Big Beautiful Bill) does is really just cut out a lot of Planned Parenthood’s funding so they’re really limited on what they’re able to do,” Lusvardi said. “So as a result of that, we see Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin saying ‘we’re gonna have to pause abortion services for now while we sort of figure out what is happening with our budget because we’re go-



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Planned Parenthood announced they are pausing abortion procedures after new funding restrictions in President Trump’s “One Big Beautiful Bill.”

ing to be missing out on so much money that we usually get.”

The bill classifies a nonprofit that provides abortions as a prohibited entity if that nonprofit received more than \$800,000 from Medicaid in fiscal year 2023. Planned Parenthood gets roughly \$24 million a year from Medicaid, making up close to two-thirds of the organization’s budget, according to the organization.

Planned Parenthood stated that they would pause abortion appointments in Wisconsin while they work on a solution to provide abortion care in Wisconsin. This summer, Planned Parenthood sued to block the enforcement of Medicaid cuts. A judge granted an injunction to block these cuts, but a federal appeals court lifted this injunction this month.

Lusvardi said that although all 22 health centers have remained open after the announcement, the biggest concern is that people in more rural areas are going to be the most impacted.

“My concern would be people living in rural areas who don’t have a lot of access to other low-cost providers, where they are going to go

for those types of preventative services that Planned Parenthood provides, like pap smears, screenings, birth control and those types of services,” Lusvardi said.

Planned Parenthood offers a wide range of services, including cancer screenings and STD testing and treatments. The Wisconsin Supreme Court in July struck down the 1849 near-total abortion ban, saying it was surpassed by newer state laws regulating the procedure. Wisconsin’s ban was nullified in 1973, when Roe v. Wade legalized abortion nationwide. Legislators never officially repealed the ban, and conservatives argue that the 2022 ruling by the US Supreme Court reactivated it. Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin stopped providing abortions after that ruling for 15 months before resuming them as the lawsuit over the state law played out. It has been providing abortions at three clinics in Wisconsin for the past two years.

Affiliated Medical Services and Care for All also provide abortions in their Milwaukee clinics. The pause is expected to force women who would normally go to abortion clinics in Madison, Milwaukee or

Sheboygan to look for other options, including traveling to Chicago, which is within a two-hour drive of the Planned Parenthood facilities.

Lusvardi said that the One Big Beautiful Bill’s cuts to Medicaid are a threat to a lot of people’s health, not just women.

“People with disabilities, people who are low income, they too are potentially losing access to providers and are losing access to services,” Lusvardi said. “We specifically see women are likely to live in the type of health care deserts where you don’t have access to reproductive health care and Planned Parenthood was kind of filling a hole in some of those communities which they also now might lose.”

Lusvardi said it is important to advocate for more healthcare coverage.

“Sometimes it is really frustrating because sometimes the progress is very slow and when you’re in it, you just feel very frustrated,” Lusvardi said. “But if we look long term, we’re like, ‘okay, things did change.’ It took a long time, it took a lot of effort, it took a lot of people, it took a lot of work.”

Common scams targeting college students

By UW Credit Union

No one woke up expecting to be scammed today. But according to Pew Research Center, 79% of Americans report receiving some form of scam communication daily, so it’s a realistic possibility. Even professors have been duped by scams. Scammers are always trying to be one step ahead, so scams can change quickly.

These best practices continue to serve as top safeguards:

- Never share private information or passwords.
- If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- High urgency should create high suspicion.

Learn about the five most common scams targeted at college students and how you can protect yourself.

Scholarship/Financial Aid Scams
You’ve won a scholarship! But you don’t remember applying. You’d be crazy to turn down free money. Right?

- Scholarship and financial aid scams may involve:
- Scammers calling to award a scholarship that doesn’t actually exist.
 - Fake scholarship websites set up to collect email addresses or other details for future scams.
 - Financial aid services that charge over \$1,000 for actions that can be completed for free.

Experts recommend every student fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), regardless of income status, to find legitimate scholarship and financial aid options available to you.

You can also research options on the Federal Student Aid website provided by the Office of the U.S. Department of Education, studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types.

Apartments, Moving Services and Textbooks Scams

This hot deal on an apartment can be yours, as long as you pay up front. But hurry — this price won’t last forever!

Scammers prey on what college students may need — a new apartment, textbooks or moving services — and use that to their advantage:

- Someone contacts you with a great deal you don’t want to miss out on, asks for payment up front and then never delivers the promised goods or services.
 - You’re desperate to find an apartment (school starts in less than a month!). Suddenly, you’re offered a rental you can get into immediately. You just need to provide all your personal information first, so the landlord can do a credit check.
- Never agree to rent an apartment without seeing both the inside and outside. Don’t fill out paper-

work, make a deposit or pay rent until you’ve verified the landlord/property manager is an established business. Never make a deposit or pay rent over the phone.

Always validate websites and check reviews before you make a purchase or contract a service online. Do they have a real physical address and phone number? If you’re working with a moving company for a long-distance move, consider budgeting extra for moving insurance.

Fake Job Postings

Summer and post-graduation employment plans weren’t on your radar until someone messaged you on LinkedIn with an open position that’s perfect for you.

Scammers know college students will be looking for a job at some point and capitalize on that: Posing as recruiters for well-known companies, scammers may contact you through job boards, LinkedIn or email, inviting you to a virtual interview for a position they say is a “perfect” fit with your skill set. After you accept their offer, they ask you for personal information to “complete paperwork” or send an invoice for items you’ll need and promise to reimburse you after you start.

Reputable employers will never ask you to pay fees for a job or equipment. And while reputable employers will require personal information, such as a social security

number, this information should be completed on a secure platform.

Don’t use the contact information provided. Instead, look up the company phone number independently and use that to contact them to verify if the offer is real. They’ll want to know if their namesake is being used fraudulently!

Social Media/Sextortion Scams

“Oops! Wrong number” was how you met, but now you’ve made a real connection with this person. You feel inclined to help them out of a situation they’re in by sending them the money they need — imagine how much they’ll adore you if you do!

Scammers create fake profiles and even play the long game, taking time to build trust and connection with you. Once they’ve established a bond, they’ll try to manipulate you into sending money or compromising content.

- Tactics include:
- “Wrong number” texts that lead to fake friendships or relationships.
 - Offers of money or gift cards in exchange for photos.
 - Threats to share private content unless paid.

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Your College Sex Guru.

The Tea App

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It’s cuffing season. Finding a new partner is difficult, especially in today’s society. Now, I bet all of you have heard of the app Tea Dating Advice. If not, here’s a rundown: Tea Dating Advice is a form of social media where you can place images of a man, their name, age, location, red flags and comments. This app is all anonymous, and it was made as an app for women to know a bit about a man before going on a date with him as a form of research. A major topic in the grapevine, or otherwise known as The Advance-Titan office, is if Tea Dating Advice is toxic. I couldn’t help but wonder, are we facing the truth with this app, or is it just a form of gossip?

While conducting my research, I obviously had to download the app, and I unfortunately have to say, I had a blast. I showed my friends some individuals I recognized, I left some comments on some men I knew some juice on, and I let some of my co-workers look up their exes on the app. It was sort of addicting. But, as my research continued, I found some comments a little disturbing. Some comments on individuals would talk about personal issues. Family life would often get brought up as a topic, and I just find this a little unsettling because no one really knows that person’s life other than that person.

I showed one of my friends his profile, and he was very upset to see himself there, and I honestly don’t blame him. Even though he had mostly green flags, it still scared him to know random people were talking about him on this app, and talking about his personal issues. While some things posted on the app are just plain wrong, I feel like the app was also sort of useful.

This man, or I should say boy, I went to high school which was posted on the app, and everything on there about him was true. Individuals commented on how he cheated on his girlfriend, and how he is not a nice guy at all and is very discriminatory against women. The last fact is a fact, because I have experienced it with him firsthand!

I believe that this app is sort of toxic, but may also lend as a helping hand for individuals in the future to know what they’re getting into. But, it’s important to remember that one’s experience with an individual may not be the same experience you may have, so you could take the information with a grain of salt. I also think it’s important to mention that if what’s put on the app is the truth about someone, and that truth is harsh and sounds bad, that’s on you. Sorry if the truth hurts.

Someone once told me that gossip and rumors are human nature and we will never get rid of them. But have we taken gossip to the next level? This app honestly does place men on a pedestal and marks them as targets. But, this doesn’t mean I am also against the app. I really do think that it’s important to conduct research on someone if you’re interested. Maybe a little follow on social media, or having a conversation with them, but it may just be a little strange to hear about how they treated their ex-partner. They’re an ex for a reason. I feel like it is up to you to decide on whether you think this app is toxic or not, because personally, I’m in the middle. Again, you never know what you’re getting into unless you try. You don’t buy a car without test-driving it first! Trust yourself, your intuition and don’t always trust social media, the grapevine or even Tea Dating Advice.



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Isaac Fischer, a UWO sophomore, watches a Marvel movie on TV last week.

Give ‘Avengers: Doomsday’ a chance

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Growing up, I was a huge Marvel junkie. Iron Man was my favorite Avenger. I always got Iron Man action figures and dressed up as him for Halloween, and when every Marvel movie came out, you know I was at the theaters.

Now Marvel has lost some of its magic. Maybe it’s superhero burnout, especially with the company rushing projects or circumstances that caused projects to be delayed or canceled. But lately, Marvel has begun to rebound, and it’s at a perfect time leading up to its biggest movie since “Avengers: Infinity War” and “Avengers: Endgame.” I want to talk about why people should give “Avengers: Doomsday” a chance. When Marvel started the Multiversal phase, they had great ideas.

But poor writing, directing, acting, etc., helped ruin some of the movies and TV shows that they had. It also doesn’t help that they had to scrap the idea of their next big villain in “Kang the Conqueror”. And projects like the TV series “Loki” built up due to the controversy surrounding Kang’s actor, Jonathan Majors.

However, in 2023, Marvel decided to change the big

villain for its next Avengers movie to Doctor Doom and the company is having the man who started it all as Iron Man — Robert Downey Jr. — play him. Is it kind of a desperation move to have Downey Jr. as Dr. Doom? Sort of, but it does make sense knowing Dr. Doom and Tony Stark’s connection in the comics.

The buildup for Doomsday hasn’t been quite as established as the buildup for Infinity War was. “Loki,” even with Kang still being the focal point, along with Marvel’s latest two movies in “Thunderbolts” and “The Fantastic Four: First Steps,” I think definitely were great building blocks for what “Avengers: Doomsday” could be. The post-credit scenes in “Thunderbolts” and “Fantastic Four” were scenes that were actually from “Avengers: Doomsday,” and they kind of give you a little sense of what Doomsday could be about. “Avengers: Doomsday” is going to feature characters from the modern-day Marvel Cinematic Universe all the way back to the X-Men movies by 21st Century Fox. The movie might also have surprise roles from actors who were at the beginning of the MCU, like Chris Evans.

Although it’s unclear how

all of these characters will be batched into a singular movie, Marvel hired Anthony Russo and Joe Russo, who directed Infinity War and Endgame, to make the movie and wrangle the huge amount of characters.

Similar to Infinity War and Endgame, “Avengers: Doomsday” will lead into a second movie called “Avengers: Secret Wars.” Secret Wars is supposed to be the cap to the MCU, and after the movie, Marvel will have a reboot.

With all the plot holes and changes due to the change from Kang to Dr. Doom, along with the massive cast, Marvel delayed “Avengers: Doomsday” and “Avengers: Secret Wars” release dates from May 2026 and 2027 to December 2026 and 2027 so they can have more time to write the script and film the movies.

It’s fair to question how good this movie will be with the massive cast and all the changes. But I don’t think it needs to be the greatest movie ever. It just needs to be watchable to make it good. I think if people know the situation Marvel was in making this film, it’ll ground expectations, and even if it is just a good movie, then it will make the added wait worth it.

Let shows end when they’re meant to

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Warning Spoilers Ahead!

As a viewer, when you watch a show’s finale, you always feel a pit in your stomach that causes your heart to feel suffocated. Whether it’s “Breaking Bad” or “How I Met Your Mother,” every show that you fall in love with and watch all the way through gives you that feeling. But what about shows that cheapen this feeling?

One show that I feel has a perfect finale was “Ted Lasso.” The Jason Sudeikis-led series had such a heartfelt ending that felt

earned and wrapped everything up nicely while teasing what will come for the characters post-show.

Ted goes back home and coaches his son Henry’s soccer team. Rebecca reconnects with the man she shared a night with in a cabin. Beard realizes his love (figuratively and literally) is in London and decides to stay. And the show teases the idea of a Richmond women’s soccer team. I think it’s a textbook way of how to do a finale. And then they ruined it.

You see, that last bit launched a fourth season for the show. And not to say that I don’t think

it could be a solid spin-off, but in no way, shape or form should “Ted Lasso” have gotten another season. The show wrapped up perfectly in every way with Ted. His team gets promoted, he succeeds in connecting everything around Richmond in a positive way, he accepts and overcomes his divorce and he returns home to see his son.

His character’s arc is complete; he has no challenge left worth pursuing. And Roy Kent finally finds his identity post-retirement in coaching, becoming the head manager for Richmond. His story is finished. Coach Beard finds love and a reason to stay. Nathan

accepts his insecurities, finds love of his own and finds his way back to Richmond. Rebecca moves on from Rupert and finds her love. The only two characters of the main group that don’t have fully resolved character arcs are Keeley and Higgins, and neither are interesting enough to carry the show on their own.

Sorry, but Keeley got a whole season away from the team to be the B-plot. She’s had plenty of focus, and I am no longer interested in seeing her development. Even the players have had their arcs. There is nothing to explore outside of the idea of a women’s team, which points to a spin-off

in every logical way.

It’s a frustrating trend in the entertainment industry, to bring back what’s old to be new again because people miss it, and for everything to be open-ended and never finish. That sucks. Let shows have a full ending and embrace it!

It’s totally ok for a show to end and not continue, especially when (narratively) it has been completed. True, there are some finales that have mixed reception, like “How I Met Your Mother.” But it could be way worse. The show could create a spin-off called “How I Met Your Father.”

HOMEcoming DANCE



Cassidy Johnson / Advance-Titan
Fourth-year Myles Dixon is crowned Homecoming King at the Homecoming Dance last Thursday in Titan Underground.

HOMEcoming BREAKFAST



Jess Duch / Advance-Titan
Students prepare for the Homecoming breakfast at Dr. Boyland University Hall on Saturday morning.

KOLF MURAL CELEBRATION



Jess Duch / Advance-Titan
(Left) Kailin Martin, the UWO Social Media Specialist, takes photos of UWO senior and gymnast Reanna McGibboney, whose photo is featured on the new Kolf mural. (Right) In final remarks at a pre-homecoming celebration, UWO Chancellor Manohar Singh gestures toward a newly completed graphic wrap on Kolf Sports Center.

TITAN MARCH



Jess Duch / Advance-Titan
(Above) The Titan Thunder Marching Band leads the football team and alumni to Titan Stadium before the game. (Below) Chancellor Manohar Singh walks with the football team in the Titan March.



HOMEcoming

HOMEcoming TAILGATE



Jess Duch / Advance-Titan
Landen Gontscharow (left), a UWO student, plays bag toss with his dad, Marshall Gontscharow.



Jess Duch / Advance-Titan
From left to right: Emma Steele, Mia Passarella, Jay Ratkowski, Kasha Muraski, Ashlyn Clemens, Sam Dorrity and Taylor Leanna at the Titan Tailgate Celebration.



Jess Duch / Advance-Titan
Sara Frees, Jake Pamperin and Samm Pamperin enjoy drinks during the Titan Tailgate Celebration.

HOMEcoming GAME VS UW-EAU CLAIRE



Jess Duch / Advance-Titan
Members of the UW Oshkosh Cheer and Stunt Team (above) and the Titan Thunder Marching Band (below) perform before the Homecoming football game.



Jess Duch / Advance-Titan
UWO wide receiver Jackson Brush makes a leaping catch against UW-Eau Claire in Saturday's football game with the Titans winning 28-21 at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium.



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

New head coach Deante Jefferson (right) sits with UWO Chancellor Manohar Singh (Middle) and Assistant chancellor of Athletics Darryl Sims in an introductory press conference Monday.

Jefferson named UWO flag football head coach

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Deante Jefferson has been named the first-ever women's flag football coach in UW Oshkosh history, as the school will be adding the sport to its varsity offerings starting this spring.

"It's a real pleasure being able to come back home to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and to be a part of something so great for young women all across the country," Jefferson said during a press conference on Oct. 20. "I know that there's a great (athletic) department that's willing to back me and guide me and teach me the ropes of things, but I'm also leaning on my experience as a young coach."

Jefferson is an Oshkosh native, and after graduating from UW-Stevens Point in 2022, he was named the inaugural head flag football coach at Appleton North High School this past January. In the Lightning's first-ever game, they defeated Appleton East 45-32 as part of one of the first high school flag football con-

ferences in the state of Wisconsin. The conference consisted of Appleton-based schools Xavier, Appleton North, Appleton East and Appleton West, as well as Central Wisconsin schools Amherst and Weyauwega-Fremont.

Jefferson said having this opportunity means a lot more than football.

"It really just draws tears to my eyes being able to, you know, be here," Jefferson said. "I feel so honored that this country is starting to recognize the opportunity for young women and that (UWO) want(s) to be a part of this. Coming out of the high school level, you could see just that genuine smile in a young woman's eyes when she catches the touchdown pass or when she pulls the flag for a big stop. So, it means a lot that the NCAA and UWO are recognizing that and I know that Chancellor Singh is backing this and Mr. Simms is backing this."

Jefferson also said that he is looking forward to competing with other schools and continuing to grow the sport.

"This is more than just a launch

of a new program, it's a celebration of opportunity, growth and inclusion," said UWO Assistant Chancellor of Athletics Darryl Sims about the addition of the sport to UWO's current offerings. "Flag football is one of the fastest growing sports for women across the country, and we are thrilled to bring that energy, excitement and spirit of competition to Titan Athletics."

Simms also added that the addition of flag football is largely connected to the university's goal of being a leader of both athletics and student experiences within both the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) and the NCAA.

"Coach Jefferson brings tremendous passion, leadership and vision to this new program, and we couldn't be more confident in his ability to build something special here," Sims said.

Chancellor Manohar Singh said he was proud to introduce Jefferson.

"We are thrilled to welcome Coach Jefferson to the UW Oshkosh family and are ready to

support his trailblazing work with our inaugural women's flag football team," Singh said. "As we continue to champion access, opportunity and excellence across our university, this program—and the inspiring leadership guiding it — will open new doors for student-athletes to compete, lead and thrive. As Titans grow, UWO wins, too."

During the press conference, Singh said he is a firm believer of extra-curricular activities.

"Whether you're playing a sport that is a championship sport or whether you're playing it as a sport for your hobby, they bring human beings together to bring the best of the best in our emotional bonding, respect and inclusivity of each other's aspirations," Singh said.

Jefferson said he has an emphasis on creating a positive culture within the program.

"The team culture is going to be player-driven," Jefferson said. "I think that's really important because me as a coach, I'm just the guy, but my hope is you find those solid team captains that

are going to help encourage their teammates. You know it's always about the next play in the sport of football. So I want to find the captains who are going to be able to echo that message and (do) the right thing."

Jefferson said he encourages athletes to consider UWO and to support one another.

"I encourage all across the state and the country," he said. "You know, consider UWO. What we have going here is going to be different from everywhere else. We're going to be competitive. We are going to be successful. We're going to have ups and downs, but I'm encouraging, you know, families come to UWO. Lean on not just me as a flag football coach, but the staff here. Whether that's your social studies teacher or whatever your major is, your minor, lean on them. This is a family, and we want you to be a part of this family."

The inaugural flag football season for the Titans is set to kick off this spring. A schedule for the upcoming season will be released at a later date.

Football beats UWEC 28-21 in 100th Homecoming

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The No. 18 UW Oshkosh Titans beat UW-Eau Claire 28-21 in UWO's 100th Homecoming game at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 18.

The win was not only UWO's 13th straight win on Homecoming, but it was also the Titans' sixth straight win over the Blugolds and their eighth straight over UWEC at home.

UWO's defense forced either a punt or turnover in each of UWEC's offensive drives up until a minute into the fourth quarter, when the Blugolds were finally able to convert for a touchdown, making the score 21-14 at that point. Eau Claire had only scored via a pick-six off of Keene in the second quarter.

Outside of Keene's mistake, he was able to lead the Titan of-

fense to their best scoring week since week three against Roosevelt University (Illinois) with a 76.7% completion percentage, 361 passing yards and a touchdown.

"I'm a former quarterback and quarterbacks coach, so I absolutely love passing the ball around the yard," head coach Peter Jennings said. "You know he's got that type of ability and it's about unleashing him, and that's what happened today. He made the most of his opportunities for sure."

Keene started the game with nine straight completions and 13-for-14 until his interception in the second quarter.

"If you're taking 13 steps forward, then take one step back, you're still 12 steps ahead," Keene said. "Just having playmakers around and being able to distribute to them ... makes it easier."

The first play after Eau Claire's equalizing touchdown with eight

minutes left in the fourth quarter, Keene and wide receiver Hunter Gibson connected on a go-route for an 80-yard touchdown, helping Gibson reach his single-game career high in receiving yards at 122.

"I got put in the right system and right plays for real," Gibson said. "The defense gave us what we were looking for and it just happened to be my turn."

Running back Ben Vallafskey returned to the gridiron on Saturday and played a pivotal role in the offense. Vallafskey was able to find paydirt on a 19-yard carry to put the Titans up 21-7 at that point of the game. He finished the game with 16 attempts, netting 73 yards on the ground, adding eight yards on two receptions.

In the first half, the Titans scored twice by way of "tush push," with Kellan Mella getting pushed into the endzone twice. Outside of the "tush push" attempts, Mella didn't



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UWO wide receiver Jon Mathieu hauls in a pass during the game on Saturday. UWO beat Eau Claire 28-21 in the 100th Homecoming.

have another touch, concluding the game with two carries for two yards and two touchdowns.

Defensively, Curtis Jasulke led the way with seven total tackles, four being for loss and an eight-yard sack. Jasulke's efforts earned him a spot on the d3football.com team of the week.

The No. 18 Titans (4-2) will travel to face off against the No. 12 UW-La Crosse Falcons at Roger Harring Stadium at Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex. The game can be streamed on the radio at 90.3 WRST-FM or wrst.org, as well as on the Radio FX app.



Nolan Andler / Advance-Titan

Head coach Jon Ellmann draws up a play against UW-Stevens Point earlier this season at the Kolf Sports Center on Sept. 26. The Titans beat the Pointers 3-0.

Volleyball defeats UWL in WIAC Clash

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The No. 3 nationally ranked UW Oshkosh women’s volleyball team defeated UW-La Crosse 3-0, improving its record to 21-2. Samantha Perlberg achieved her tenth double-double with 16 kills, two aces, two blocks and 10 digs. Coach Jon Ellmann said that Perlberg raises the standard of the program and that she is the result of putting everything into her craft. “Samantha is a shining example of what hard work and dedication to your craft can result in,” Ellmann said. “She is her authentic self, cares

deeply about her teammates and helps to not only uphold but raise the standards we have set for our program.” Oshkosh had its highest hitting percentage this season, hitting a .440. Ellmann said that the past is great, but it doesn’t guarantee the future, and they want to keep an underdog mindset. “All of our goals are still out in front of us,” Ellmann said. “Our focus remains on the process of getting better, and we’re excited about what is possible for this group.” UWO scored its first point off a kill from Perlberg and led the Titans to lead 4-2 in the first set. The Titans then kept

their foot on the gas, gaining a massive lead and ultimately winning the set by a block from Perlberg. In the second set, Oshkosh took another commanding lead with six points coming from four Perlberg kills and a block from Perlberg and her teammate Lauren Grier. Then, after service and attack errors and kills from Claire McEniry, Greir and Perlberg, the Titans led La Crosse 12-4. La Crosse battled back, making the score 16-14, but then UWO went on a run with kills coming from Grier, McEniry and Perlberg, ultimately winning the set with the Titans leading 2-0. In the third set, UWL led the

set 4-2, but once again Oshkosh went on another scoring run, scoring 6 unanswered points with UWO taking the lead 8-4. Both teams traded scores to put the Titans up 17-11. Then UWO went on a 7-point, unanswered run, and after a point scored by UWL, won the set and the match by a kill from Grace Juergens. Oshkosh is now 21-2 on the season and has notched its 17th 3-0 game. Coach Ellmann said that the Titans keep working hard to fine-tune and improve during their matches and that there are challenges in all of their matches, no matter the score. “There have been tons of

challenges in all of our matches, whether they were five-set losses or three-set wins,” Ellman said. “We want to be a team that runs headfirst into that challenge so that we can find ways to overcome it as soon as possible. Doing so is one of the ingredients of confidence.” The Titans will face UW-Platteville on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at Kolf Sports Center at 7 p.m. The final score of the match can be found at uwosh-koshtitans.com/. UWO will travel to UW-Whitewater to take on No. 10 Colby College (Maine) on Saturday at noon.

UWO Hall of Famer of the week: Terry Barth

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Terry Barth was hired on to be UW Oshkosh’s men’s wrestling program head coach in 1979, and eventually would become the most successful head coach in the program’s history. Barth did it by coaching his Titans to 10 All-America performances and 17 conference titles during his 13 years as head coach. “I was fortunate to have a career that I can say I love from the beginning to end,” Barth said. “The opportunity to teach and coach and mentor students and student athletes was my passion. (They were) the best people in the world.” Rick Gruber was Barth’s top-performing wrestler from his period as coach. Gruber, a 1994 UWO Hall of Fame inductee, earned four All-Amer-

ica honors and won four Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference titles (WIAC) in his four-year career. Barth also coached another current UWO Athletics Hall of Fame member, Duane Fischer, a 2017 inductee, who won three WIAC titles in his time at Oshkosh. When it comes to team competition, only one coach can say they’ve led the program to a WIAC title. In 1982, Barth led the Titans to a WIAC team title and a sixth-place finish in the NCAA Division III tournament. That wasn’t the first time the team had placed nationally, though. In his first year coaching the program, with Barth at the helm, the team placed 13th at the 1979 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) championship.

“The best reward for me is staying in touch with many of them (athletes) and hearing about their stories about their lives and careers,” Barth said. In the 1982 season, UWO rallied itself to a 7-1 dual record, while scoring 74.25 points at the WIAC championship, and also scored 46 points to get themselves to sixth place nationally. Gruber, Rich Tomaszewski and Sean McCarthy each won conference titles and earned All-America honors in the 1982 season. During his wrestling coaching career, Barth also served as an assistant football and baseball coach from 1978-88 and from 1979-81, respectively. He also directed the UWO Intramural Sports and Recreation department from 1990 until his retirement in 2007.



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Terry Barth delivers his acceptance speech at the UW Oshkosh Athletics Hall of Fame Ceremony on Sunday, Oct. 5.



Scoreboard

Wednesday, Oct. 15

Women’s Soccer

UWO - 0

Carroll - 0

Women’s Volleyball

UWO - 3

UW-La Crosse - 0

Saturday, Oct. 18

Men’s Cross Country

16th of 36 teams, 446

Women’s Cross Country

16th of 40 teams, 554

Football

UWO - 28

UW-Eau Claire 21

Women’s Soccer

UWO - 1

UW-Platteville - 0

Sunday, Oct. 19

Women’s Tennis

UWO - 5

UW-River Falls - 2

Wednesday, Oct. 22

Women’s Volleyball

UWO - Past publication date

UW-Platteville -

Women’s Soccer

UWO - Past publication date

UW-Whitewater - 0

Upcoming Events

Friday, Oct. 24

Women’s Cross Country

vs UW-Oshkosh Open at 1:30 p.m.

Men’s Cross Country

vs UW-Oshkosh Open at 2:15 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 25

Men’s Swimming and Diving

vs Carroll at Noon

Women’s Swimming and Diving

vs Carroll at Noon

Women’s Volleyball

vs Colby (Maine) in Whitewater at Noon

Football

at UW-La Crosse at 2 p.m.

Women’s Soccer

vs UW-La Crosse at 2 p.m.

Men’s Wrestling

UW-Oshkosh Black and Gold Classic at 2 p.m.

Women’s Wrestling

UW-Oshkosh Black and Gold Classic at 2 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 26

Women’s Tennis

at Wisconsin Collegiate Individual Championships in Madison at 11 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 28

Women’s Basketball

at Iowa State at 6:30 p.m.

A-Trivia

How many Homecoming games has the UW Oshkosh football team won in a row?

Answer: The win against UW-Eau Claire is the Titans 13th straight homecoming victory.



Courtesy of Steve Frommell / UWO Athletics

Courtney Carpenter returns the ball to help her and Olivia Pethan (not pictured) pick up a 7-5 victory in the No. 1 doubles match.

Women’s tennis defeats River Falls

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The UW Oshkosh women’s tennis team had two matches this past week, falling to UW-La Crosse 7-0 at Hetzel Fieldhouse on Wednesday, Oct. 14, while beating UW-River Falls 5-2 in Minneapolis this past Sunday, Oct. 19.

UWO fell in all three double matches to La Crosse. In match one, UWL’s Tasha Bailey and Shelby Roth bested UWO’s Olivia Pethan and Courtney Carpenter by a final score of 6-4. The Titans’ Kayla Gibbs and Jameson Gregory lost to the Eagles’ Hannah Cady and Maia Samuelson in match two by a score of 6-1. Oshkosh’s Mana Usui and Sarah Schaeffer were

defeated 6-0 by La Crosse’s Caitlyn Stadter and Lily Jorgenson.

UWO lost all six singles competitions against UWL. Gibbs won a game in both her sets. Oshkosh’s Usui, Brianna Owen, Cate Gerl and Schaeffer each won a match in their first set.

The UWO women’s team won its match against UW-River Falls 5-2 at the Falcons’ Ramer Field Tennis Courts on Sunday in the Titans’ regular season finale.

Oshkosh dominated doubles, winning all three matches. The Titan’s Pethan and Courtney won 7-5, Gibbs and Jameson won 6-3 and Usui and Schaeffer won 6-0.

The Titans won four out of six singles tournaments. Usui won

6-2, 6-1, Owens succeeded 5-5, 6-1, Bre Schultz was victorious 7-5, 6-1 and Schaeffer wrapped up singles winning 6-2, 6-1.

Head coach Steven Francour said he thought the win was impressive given the factors at play.

“We had to overcome a long trip, tough conditions (strong wind and low temperatures) and a tough opponent,” Francour said. “It was impressive the way we handled the circumstances and performed at a high level.”

He added that the win also helped the team secure a higher seed for the WIAC Team Tournament in the spring.

The quick turnaround between matches offered challenges, and Francour said the team was unfamiliar with playing on an in-

door surface like the match they had against La Crosse, then the next match was outside against River Falls.

“Our preparation is to work and be the best players we can be and compete hard,” Francour said.

Francour said he was proud of how the team responded to adversity.

“We had to be resilient to overcome some injuries, new players in the lineup, and tough opponents,” he said. “The team always worked hard and tried to get better. That’s what a coach wants.”

The Titans will compete at the WIAC Individual Championships in Madison at Nielsen Tennis Stadium Oct. 26 at 11 a.m.

WIAC brings pay-per-view to playoffs

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The Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) announced that they’ll be implementing pay-per-view for its conference championships and tournaments on a trial basis during the 2025-26 academic year on Oct. 16.

Championships and tournaments that’ll include a pay-per-view model on the WIAC network include: men’s and women’s soccer, women’s volleyball, men’s wrestling, men and women’s swimming & diving, men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s ice hockey, indoor track & field, women’s gymnastics, outdoor track & field, women’s lacrosse, baseball and softball. Each of the tournament rounds will be included in the respective sports model.

“The WIAC has the best fan support in NCAA Division III, with thousands streaming our contests every week,” WIAC Commissioner Danielle Harris said. “By adding a nominal fee during post-season competition, we can continue to offer first-class championship experiences that our student-athletes and our fans expect and deserve. Additionally, regular season con-



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Titan TV produces a UWO football game against the UW-Whitewater Warhawks on Oct. 26, 2013

tests will continue to be free of charge.”

In an Instagram post by the WIAC announcing the decision, commenters were notably upset and confused.

“Great way to kill viewership for your sports!” Instagram user liamstatz said. Other commenters said, “I already have to

pay to play, now I have to pay to watch too.”

Viewers will have a couple of ways to follow their teams during conference championships and tournaments.

Daily Pass (provides access to one specific game). \$10 per game (with the exception of these sports: \$12 - Swimming &

Diving, \$15 - Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field, \$15 - Women’s Gymnastics (for both sessions)).

Sports Specific Tournament Pass (access to the entire tournament). \$25 (with the exception of these sports: \$20 - Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field, \$30 - Swimming and Diving).