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Courtesy of Justine Stokes

Titan TV students pose for a photo after being awarded at the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association Student Forum at Lambeau Field on Feb. 28. Titan TV received a total of four awards.

Students awarded at WBA

Titan TV and WRST-FM win in 12 categories at student forum

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The Wisconsin Broadcasters Association named UW-Oshkosh students from Titan TV and 90.3 WRST-FM winners in 12 different categories at the WBA Student Forum at Lambeau Field on Feb. 28.

UWO students took home the Student Leadership Award and collected two scholarships.

Dylan Przybylski was honored with the Student Leadership Award, while Makenna Thompson received the Morgan Murphy Media Scholarship and Annelise Dahnke received the David L. Nelson Scholarship.

"I feel very honored to receive this award," Thompson said. "I am very fortunate to have had the opportunity to be involved with Titan TV and am grateful to be recognized in front of all my family and friends who have supported me during my time at UWO."

WRST took first place in four different categories. Those cate-

gories were General News Story for "Singh Selected" by Jacob Link, Sports Play-by-Play for the NCAA Division III women's volleyball championship by Justice Cyr and Brayden Junkers, Best Sports Show for the NCAA D-III women's volleyball championship pregame show by Cyr, Link and Junkers as well as Sports Story for "Week in Review Sports Recap" by Dylan Eckhart.

Alongside the four first place finishes, WRST took home a second place award in Sports Story for an NCAA D-III women's volleyball preview by Link as well as two third place awards in air check for "Garage Tunes" by Vincent Glatczak and Sports Play-by-Play for UWO vs. Smith College by Link and Eckhart.

UWO's campus TV station, Titan TV, took two first place finishes in two categories. Those were Episodic Entertainment for "Track Attack" by Przybylski, Evan Berger and Grant Burg and Sports Story for a story on the UWO baseball team by Ben Colombe.

"This award represents a cul-



Courtesy of Wendell Ray

WRST-FM students pose for a photo after receiving eight awards at the WBA Student Forum on Feb. 28.

mination of hours of hard work pre-producing this show every week that really makes this award so meaningful," Berger said.

Burg said he felt the same. "Working on this show all se-

mester with two of my closest friends and to bring home the first place award makes it feel that much more special," Burg said.

Titan TV also took home a second place award in Promo

for Titan TV show "Ill-Fated" by Cameron Reese.

The WBA turns 75 this year and is celebrating with an Awards Gala in the Madison Marriott West on May 2.

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Fernau Avenue construction approved

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The bid to extend Fernau Avenue in the north side of Oshkosh by PTS Contractors, Inc. was approved and will connect the avenue from Vinland Street to Jackson Street. Joe Stephenson, an Oshkosh city council member, said the project was a priority because it creates a much needed connection between two major industrial areas on Oshkosh’s north side. “Completing Fernau Avenue provides a direct truck route designed to support industrial traffic, helping trucks stay on appropriate corridors rather than residential streets,” Stephenson said. “That improves traffic efficiency for businesses while also reducing unnecessary truck traffic in other parts of the city.” Currently, industrial truckers have to navigate either north towards Snell Road or south

towards Smith Ave which are both approximately five minute detours. Stephenson said that the completion of the project will make roughly 120 acres of land accessible to future development. “Transportation access is one of the biggest factors that determines whether land can realistically be developed,” Stephenson said. “... Without a road connection, that land is difficult to utilize.” Since the project is already going to connect industrial areas, the land is well positioned for future businesses or employment uses, Stephenson said. But the key point he emphasized is that extending the road will make the land buildable and prime for development in the future. The bid for the project amounted to \$4,722,000 as it includes Fernau Avenue’s extension and the construction of a new stormwater basin



Jacob Link / Advance-Titan
Construction crews work on the Main Street bridge in Oshkosh.

and outfall piping to manage the storm water runoff from the project. As a result of the costs, the 2026 Capital Improvement Program Budget was amended to add additional funding for the project. \$160,000 was transferred from Cherry Street and Prospect Avenue to Fernau Avenue Construct. Property owners in the area are recommended to check their mailboxes to see if they received a Construction Access Agreement from the city. Once filed, return the document for the city to put new concrete driveway aprons where needed.

Mugerauer celebrates music in March

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Oshkosh Mayor Matt Mugerauer proclaimed that March 2026 will be recognized as Music In Our Schools Month at the City Council regular meeting Feb. 22. “I encourage all the residents (of Oshkosh) to celebrate and acknowledge this everyday, but especially in March that music education is an essential part of every student’s well-rounded education,” Mugerauer said. The Music in Our Schools Month campaign by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) started 41 years ago to bring awareness to the importance music education has in a child’s academic journey. This March, the campaign

will once again run under the theme “United Through Music,” and NAfME President Cecil Adderly said that music educators and music educator advocates remain united through music as they celebrate the month. “We invite supporters to join us this month and throughout the year to share the importance of music education in the lives of students, and stand with music educators, who are making such positive impacts in their communities around the country,” Adderly said in a press release. “... Together we can provide students opportunities to meet the future prepared and in community with their peers.” Delaney Smith, a senior at Oshkosh West high school, said that music was a catalyst

towards her self-acceptance while growing up. “I struggled with my self-confidence, feeling like I failed to fit in with anyone,” Smith said. “However, my music classes served as an escape. Not only did I finally fit in by being in an ensemble, I actually excelled and became my section’s leader.” Smith said that she hopes to pass along the acceptance to others with aspirations to become a music teacher who gives that same feeling to future students who need it most. “Anyone can sing, and just like in life, everyone deserves a chance,” she said. Callie Rudoll, a junior at Oshkosh North high school, said that being a member of the band is more than just music to her.

“It’s a place where I feel comfortable and confident being myself,” Rudoll said. “I’ve learned the importance of discipline, dedication and teamwork. With endless support from all the music teachers and my peers, I have also developed some of the closest relationships.” Ryan Lindley, a choir teacher at Perry Tipler Middle School, asked for people to advocate for the Oshkosh Area School Districts music programs by learning about what the programs do early, attending concerts and talking to members about their experiences. You can learn more about celebrations, the purpose of Music In Our Schools Month and get lesson plans at nafme.org/advocacy/music-in-our-schools-month/.

Library to host photography workshop

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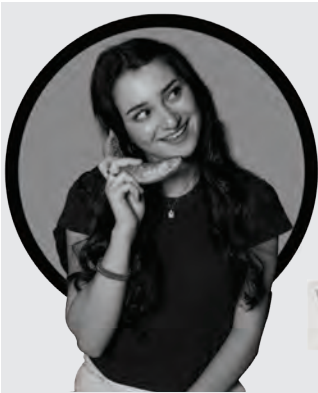
The Oshkosh Public Library will host a photography workshop on March 21 to help community members improve their skills and to educate the public on how images can tell stories and inspire change. Oshkosh Public Library Marketing Coordinator Laura McDonald said the event will bring together accomplished local photographers for a mix of talks, demonstrations and hands-on sessions focused on craft, storytelling and impact. “(It is) open to photographers of all experience levels,” McDonald said in a press release. “The program is inspired by Lewis Hine, an internationally recognized photographer and Oshkosh native whose work helped expose social injustices in the early 1900s.”

The workshop will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the library with “The Legacy of Lewis Hine” and the “Origins of Advocacy Photography,” sessions by Michael Cooney, an author, photojournalist and photography instructor. Jim Koepnick, a former chief photographer at the Experimental Aircraft Association, will produce a “Lewis Hine Honors Presentation, 50 Years of Image Making” session at 10:30 a.m. At 11:30 a.m., photographers Monty Montgomery, Dave Burke, Koepnick and Cooney will present “Why It Works,” which will discuss street, concert, sports and news photography. In the afternoon, sessions will include “Lighting the Work: Making Craft Visible” with Phil Weston and a guided photo experience, “Shoot! Literary Characters in the



Courtesy of Discover Oshkosh
The Oshkosh Public Library will host a photography workshop on March 21 to showcase different styles to community members.

Stacks,” featuring actors from the Oshkosh Community Players. The workshop will conclude at 3 p.m. with a look at how photographers can contribute to the Oshkosh Public Library Digital Archive. Anyone that is interested in attending the event can register online at oshkoshlibrary.org by selecting the March 21 listing on the library’s event calendar or can call 920-236-5203.



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Your College Sex Guru.

Just tell them

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Welcome to Sex In-The-920! I'm the Carrie Bradshaw of UW-Oshkosh, or your college sex guru. A question I've gotten asked multiple times is, how do I tell my partner I have an STD?

If I'm being honest, I've been putting this off because I feel like I'm not the greatest person to ask since I've never experienced this. But, I do think I have an idea of what I would do in this circumstance.

With these diseases being very contagious, I couldn't help but wonder, is honesty really the best policy?

The obvious answer is yes! This isn't just something you can lie about or avoid. It's an important thing that your partner should know about, and I understand if it can make or break a relationship, but it is important that your partner knows beforehand. Sex is a very vulnerable action. Showing your body to another person is already very intimate, and revealing, so it's understandable if an unfortunate circumstance like an STD is relevant in your relationship.

Luckily, I believe there are

ways to go about this. As I mentioned, you shouldn't practice unsafe sex if you know you have an STD. This can lead to you transferring it to someone else, obviously, and it's not smart.

Safe sex is always important to practice; infection, or not, unless you want to conceive. But, when you have to address this issue to your partner, you should do it slowly, but pretty early on in a relationship. Here's a script: "There's something I think you should know, before we have sex ... I have an STD."

It can be as simple as that. I do believe you really should tell them. I can't stress that enough. Telling them can also ease up the issue, and can allow them to trust you in other ways. Imagine the anxiety you'd hold keeping this in, and even transferring it to them without telling them.

I believe my advice on this topic is a little bland, but I have never had to go through this issue, and I hope you never do too. Safe sex is always important to practice. Remember, birth control isn't 100%, and can still transfer diseases. Honesty really is the best policy. Always listen to your body, and be smart, safe, and understanding.



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Best pick-me-ups

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Being able to get through the school day can be hard, especially on gruellingly long days. I know I often want a pick-me-up to make it to the end of the day in one piece. So whether you're trying to get through exams, a huge homework load, or simply just get through the day, just like I am, here are some of my favorite pick-me-up drinks that are easily found on campus!

1. Bubbl'r

Bubbl'rs have great flavor choices, some natural caffeine for a small boost, and are quite refreshing. I find myself always gravitating towards one when
- I'm feeling like I want a drink but not too much caffeine. They are also easily found all over campus at the Convenience Corner Store, Clow Cafe and the many vending machines. All this said, it makes them easily my number one choice.

2. Coffee

I may be biased but coffee will always be a top choice of mine for a pick me up. It doesn't have an absurd amount of caffeine and I love the flavor of it, regardless if it's black or a sweet latte. I also enjoy that coffee is so easily customizable and you can have it hot or iced!

It's also super easy to find coffee on campus, like in the Reeve Memorial Union or Ein-
- stein Bagels, which makes this a close second choice for me.

3. Redbull

Although it is not easily found on campus, this is easily another top three choice of mine for a pick me up. Similar to Bubbl'rs, there's a wide range of flavors and some size choices. The inconvenience of it being only sold at the Corner Convenience Store is what knocks it down the list for me. But it's great for those long spans of studying or late night projects where you just need to keep moving along.

A fun drink is the best way to get you through the school day. Luckily, there are many options, and vending machines on campus.

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UW-Oshkosh

The UW-Oshkosh women's basketball team was selected for the 2026 NCAA Division III Women's Basketball tournament March 2. Not only is it the sixth time in the last seven years that UWO heard their name be called (2021 canceled due to COVID-19), it is also the third straight year that the Titans will be hosting a regional at the Kolf Sports Center.

The Titans earned their spot as an at-large bid after falling in the WIAC Tournament championship to UW-La Crosse 52-49 on Feb. 27. UWO is coming into the tournament with the hopes of not only recreating last year's magic of appearing in the Final Four for the first time since the 1996 National Championship, but will be looking to bring home the program's second national title.

UWO is led by sophomore duo Paige Seckar and Sammi Beyer. Seckar, who was selected as WIAC Player of the Year, leads the team in scoring 13.6 points per game. Beyer, a 2026 All-WIAC Team selection, is second with an average of 11.7 points per game. UWO head coach Brad Fischer was tabbed for his fourth WIAC Coach of the Year, while forward Sarah Hardwick was chosen for the All-WIAC Team. Guard Avery Pool made the All-WIAC Honorable Mention squad and was selected for the All-WIAC Defensive Team along with Hardwick.

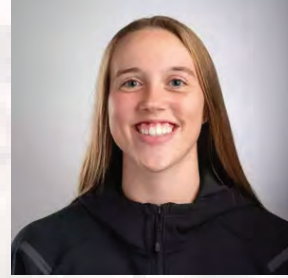


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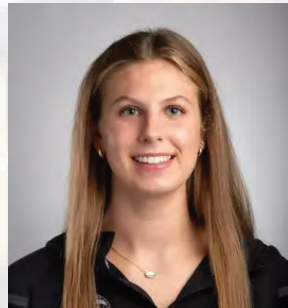
The Titans are opening up the tournament with a matchup against Webster University (Missouri). The Gorlocks are coming into the tournament as the Saint Louis Intercollegiate Conference (SLIAC) Tournament champions after defeating Principia College (Missouri) 70-64.

Webster (19-8) is making its ninth NCAA appearance and fourth in the past five years. The Gorlocks, who own a 2-8 record in the national tournament, were ousted by Oshkosh during the 2024 first round in Kolf Sports Center. Webster picked up both of its Division III Championship wins when it reached the third round in 2002.

Following the SLIAC Championship victory over Principia, WU's Meghan Illingworth, Akaela Caquelin and Miya Webb were named to the SLIAC Women's Basketball Tournament All-Tournament Team as Illingworth was named the Most Valuable Player. Illingworth, a 6-foot-2 forward, leads Webster with 11.8 points per game. Webb and Caquelin, both guards, are averaging 10.1 and 10 points per game, respectively.



Sammi Beyer



Paige Seckar



Meghan Illingworth



Miya Webb

2026 NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Championship Oshkosh Regional



Wisconsin Lutheran



Kenly Frey



Margie Stevens

Wisconsin Lutheran College is heading into the tournament as the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (NACC) tournament champions with a 23-5 record. The Warriors secured an automatic bid by defeating St. Norbert College 48-29 in the tournament championship.

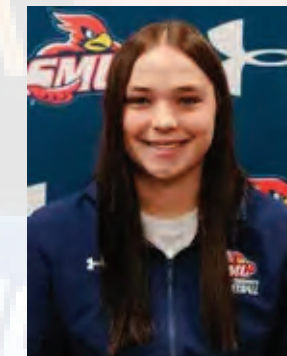
Wisconsin Lutheran College landed six postseason honors from the NACC, highlighted by sophomore guard Lily Oiler being named Defensive Player of the Year and the Warriors' Klay Knueppel earning Coaching Staff of the Year accolades.

Sophomore forward Abby Cole and junior forward Margie Stevens were selected First Team All-NACC, freshman guard Kenly Frey and senior forward Jayden Hill received Second Team All-NACC recognition.

Stevens secured her third consecutive First Team All-NACC selection. The junior has started all 26 games and leads the team in scoring at 15.1 points per game while adding 4.9 rebounds and 1.3 assists per contest.

Frey made an immediate impact in her first collegiate season, starting all 25 games she has played. The freshman averages 12.1 points, 2.9 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game, reaching double figures 14 times.

St. Mary's University



Ayla Olson



Brianna Nusbaum

Saint Mary's University (Minnesota) received an at-large berth after finishing fourth in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) regular season standings. The Cardinals are making their fourth NCAA Tournament appearance and first since 2014.

Freshman Ayla Olson ranks fifth in the MIAC in scoring at 15.6 points per game, while Brianna Nusbaum sits seventh at 15.1 points per contest. Nusbaum also etched her name into the record book earlier this season with a 33-point performance against Grinnell College in November, setting a new single-game program record.

The Cardinals boast the conference's top scoring offense at 71.4 points per game and rank second in rebounding at 38.7 boards per contest, while limiting opponents' second-chance opportunities. The Olson sister duo, Ayla and junior Kali Olson, anchor the defense, each averaging one block per game.

In the MIAC title game, Ayla Olson led the charge with 19 points and seven rebounds. Sternquist added 16 points and four assists, while Nusbaum contributed nine points, five rebounds and two steals.

Saint Mary's will take on Wisconsin Lutheran at 4:45 p.m. on Friday at the Kolf Sports Center.



Courtesy of Terri Cole / UWO Athletics

Freshman wide receiver/defensive back Aaliyah Lathrop takes the ball down the field, in the inaugural game for the women’s flag football team against Aurora University (Illinois).

Women’s flag football hosts inaugural game

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In the inaugural game for the UW-Oshkosh flag football team on Feb. 25, the Titans fell to Aurora University (Illinois) 34-0 at the Rec Plex Dome.

In a clash between two first-year programs, the energy of the monumental game could be felt by the players, coaches and fans on both sides.

“From the moment we took the field for warm-ups, you could tell our energy was there, and we discussed that every day in practice,” head coach Deante Jefferson said. “Hearing the crowd make as much noise as they did was breathtaking, especially on the 4th down stand early in the game. As we get closer to becoming a championship sport, it will be important to make UW-Oshkosh one of the hardest places to play for our opponents.”

Prior to the coin flip, freshmen

Jaia Carson and Aaliyah Lanthrop, as well as juniors Ashlyn Clemens and Paige Vitek were named the first-ever captains for the black and gold, highlighting their efforts to lead the team in preparation against Aurora.

“All four of them are vocal, whether that is simply calling out formations or encouraging their sisters in the weight room,” Jefferson said. “As a coach you have to notice dedication like that and what it says to a group of young women who are working to become a sisterhood. Even as freshmen, you can tell they know what it takes to be a leader and want to inspire others to achieve their fullest potential.”

The inaugural drive for the Titans ended in an interception off of a pass by junior Marin Bell. Bell was one of three quarterbacks used by UWO during the matchup and completed four of her eight passes for 23 yards, in addition to the opening inter-

ception. The Spartans capitalized on the play and reach the endzone for the first time off of a 16-yard rushing touchdown. Aurora would score twice more in the first half with a 43-yard and 5-yard passing touchdown, giving the Spartans a 18-0 lead heading into the halftime break.

In the second half, Aurora would score two more times, with 21- and 14-yard passing touchdowns, in addition to successfully making the point after conversions, en route to the Spartans defeating UWO.

Not all of the gameplay by the Titans was bad in Jefferson’s eyes.

“Offensively we know we can move the ball whether that’s through the air or on the ground,” Jefferson said. “Once we can finish in the endzone, that will help our defense out.”

Carson was “QB1” for the Titans, going 11-for-23 in passes for 78 yards and one interception. Lanthrop also completed

a pass for 42 yards to freshman Jamaya Mariner, but also caught for 55 yards. When it comes to rushing, freshman Joely Scheifhout led the Titans with 15 yards on two attempts.

Freshmen Sierra Posey and Sophia Lee were key players on the defensive side of the ball for the black and gold. Posey had four solo tackles for UWO, while Lee had six, with one of them being for a loss of yards.

“The toughness and fight that those two have, you can’t necessarily coach that,” Jefferson said. “But I think that also speaks to how much these young women are bought into what we are trying to build.”

With less than a month until the Titans take to the field again, all eyes will be on how the team bounces back.

“Going on the road is never easy,” Jefferson said. “So, I know myself and the rest of the coaching staff will have the adjustments made, the players are

going to trust themselves more, and we are going to take advantage of playing such a great team week one. We can’t say ‘we don’t have experience.’ Everyone on this team has now played a college flag football game, so we have to act like we have been here before.”

At the end of the day, while the final results of a game mean something, community support means more to the team.

“Whether you are a UWO student, a current High school student, a family member, all the way up to our campus administrators, we are blessed to have your support,” Jefferson said. “Your unwavering support has not gone unnoticed.”

UWO flag football returns to the gridiron on March 22 in Fond du Lac during the first of two Marian University triangulars. The Titans will face the Sabres at 11 a.m. and square off with Illinois Wesleyan University at 12:30 p.m.

Culp earns fourth WIAC coach of the year title

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After leading the UW-Oshkosh women’s swimming and diving team to a third-place finish at the 2026 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Championship, head coach Christopher Culp was named WIAC Coach of the Year for the fourth time in his 11-year career.

“It is truly an honor to be recognized by the other coaches in the conference,” Culp said. “It’s exciting to see our program continuing to grow and improve each year, and this award reflects the hard work of our entire team and staff.”

Prior to 2026, he and Joel Rollings of UW-Whitewater were named co-coaches of the year in 2018, before Culp earned the title outright in both

2023 and 2024. He is now the third women’s coach in WIAC history to receive the accolade four or more times, preceded by Rich Pein of UW-Stevens Point with 11 wins, and UW-La Crosse’s Al Boelk who has held the honor five times.

All of this was new news for Culp.

“I honestly just found this out, so that was pretty cool to hear,” Culp said. “More than anything, it solidifies what we are doing year after year and reinforces our commitment to constantly evolve, improve, and push our program forward.”

During the four-day event at the Walter Schroeder Aquatic Center in Brown Deer, the Titan women compiled 467 points, placing in third behind runner-up UW-Eau Claire, who scored 894.5 points, and champions La Crosse, who won the

title with 994 points. This was the highest placement for UWO since 2002, when the team placed third with 616 points for the black and gold.

But the season as a whole was supposed to sing a different tune in Culp’s eyes.

“To be honest, I thought this was going to be a rebuilding year,” Culp said. “We graduated most of our top scorers, and with who we had returning and coming in, I expected it would take time to match our past success. This group of new athletes really surprised me. They were ‘all in’ from day one and worked extremely hard throughout the season. That mindset contributed greatly to the significant improvement we saw this year.”

In addition to the “all in” mentality, Culp also said that the program’s success is about the people involved within the

organization as well.

“We have an outstanding coaching staff that contributes in recruiting, strength and conditioning, diving, and technical development,” Culp said. “We also have tremendous faculty and staff who support our student-athletes both in and out of the classroom. Our athletic department is built on strong values and a culture of excellence. When you surround yourself with great people, growth and success become part of the process.”

When looking back at the last decade Culp said his idea of home went from the west coast to Titan nation.

“Moving here from California 11 years ago was scary, to say the least,” Culp said. “For a long time, I still referred to California as ‘home,’ but we don’t do that anymore. UWO and the



Christopher Culp

city of Oshkosh are home. We love it here. Being part of UWO swimming and diving and the UWO Athletic Department is truly an honor. We will continue striving to build a championship program in one of the most competitive conferences in the nation.”



Courtesy of UWO Flickr

UWO gymnastics head coach Lauren Karnitz is cheering on her team in the last regular season meet on Feb. 27 against UW-Stout.

Gymnastics triumphant over Blue Devils

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The regular season concluded for the No. 1 UW-Oshkosh women’s gymnastics team on Feb. 27, as they defeated No. 12 UW-Stout 193.5-189.525 at the Kolf Sports Center.

This is the second time the Titans and Blue Devils have squared off this season. Oshkosh defeated Stout back on Jan. 3 during the UW-Oshkosh Quadrangular, where the Titans scored 192.1 points to Stout’s 184.95.

UWO started off hot in the opening rotation on vault, with senior Reanna McGibboney rounding out the lineup with a score of 9.825, and taking home the top crown. Senior

Amaya McConkay and junior Kasha Muraski tied for second with Stout’s Jessica Qualich, as all three scored 9.725 for their teams. As a team, UWO held a commanding 48.675-45.475 lead after the first rotation.

Another trio of podium-placing gymnasts was a reality for the Titans in uneven bars, as sophomore Averie Evans won the event with a score of 9.725. McGibboney and McConkay each scored 9.525 for the black and gold, solidifying them in a third place tie. Stout’s Jamie Beatty got the best of them, but fell short of Evans with a 9.575 finish on the event. Oshkosh maintained the lead, and extended it to a 96.4-93.65 advantage for the home crowd.

Freshman Ome Ellis paved the way for UWO on balance beam during the third rotation, winning the individual title with 9.75 being added to the scorecard. Julia Rhoades would earn Stout’s third podium placement finish on the night, finishing with a 9.725. Senior Lydia Hayden and the Blue Devil’s Cora Cardellino would end the night in a tie for third, with both scoring 9.675 for their respective programs. Heading into the home stretch, the Titans gained momentum and carried a 144.725-141.725 lead over UW-Stout.

Oshkosh completed the night with a complete podium sweep in the floor rotation. Junior Jay Ratkowski won the event title with a score of 9.825. Ellis

captured second with a 9.775 finish for UWO, and senior Aleah Radojevich rounded out the top three by adding 9.75 to the Titan scorecard to solidify the victory.

Oshkosh finishes the season undefeated at the Kolf Sports Center, and with an overall duel record of 6-1. They now prepare for the 2026 WIAC Women’s Gymnastics Championship/NCGA West Regional, which will take place on March 7, with the hope to win their sixth conference championship in a row, and 20th overall in program history. This year’s championship is hosted by Winona State (Minnesota) at the McCown Gymnasium, with competition set to get underway at 12:30 p.m.

Wrestling competes at regionals

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UW-Oshkosh had three members of the men’s wrestling roster compete at the NCAA Division III National Collegiate Region VII Championship from Feb. 27-28 hosted by UW-Eau Claire.

The Titans finished 12th out of 16 teams at the regional with a total of 30.5 points.

Ryan Bergman was sent to the 165-lb. consolation bracket after a technical fall loss to Tanner Gerber from UW-La Crosse.

Bergman won by a 14-1 major decision over Jack Miller from Augustana College (Illinois) and a 4-1 victory over Jonathon Harvey from UW-Eau Claire. Bergman reached the third-place match where he lost to UW-Stevens Point wrestler Dylan Cariveau 7-2. Bergman finished in fourth place for the Titans.

Ryan Hanson was sent to the 133-lb. consolation bracket after being pinned by Saint John’s University’s (Minnesota) Connor Krueger. Hanson finished the 133-lb. bracket with a 3-2 record and a seventh place finish for the Titans.

Jacob Ward wrestled in the 149-lb. consolation bracket after being pinned by Riese Thornberry from UW-Stevens Point. Ward medically forfeited both of his matches on the second day, getting an eighth place finish for UWO.

UWO finished the season with an overall record of 2-10 and a conference record of 0-5. The team collected 206 individual wins, with 57 wins coming from pins this season.

Titans open season with sweep in UWO Invitational

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The nationally ranked No. 17 UW-Oshkosh softball team opened the season with a four-game sweep in the UWO Invite this past weekend.

The Titans defeated the College of St. Scholastica (Minnesota), Loras College (Iowa), UW-Superior and Wisconsin Lutheran College at the Rec Plex Dome in Oshkosh.

UWO defeated the College of St. Scholastica Saints 12-0. The Titans scored one-run in the first inning, eight runs in the fourth and three in the fifth to end the game on a seven-run rule.

Brianne Lopez, Amanda Martineck and Emma Bohn each batted in two RBI each. Grace Nardi was the winning pitcher with seven strikeouts and two walks in four innings. Brianna Bougie closed the game with one strikeout in one inning.

UWO defeated the Loras College Duhawks 3-2. The Titans scored all their runs in the third inning. The Duhawks scored

runs in the sixth and seventh inning.

Kate Mary Quaid and Martineck were the only Titans to get RBI. Kiran Sanford was the winning pitcher with nine strikeouts and one walk in 4 2/3 innings. Bougie was credited with the save with four strikeouts and one walk on 2 1/3 innings.

The Titans defeated the UW-Superior Hornets 7-1. UWO scored one-run in the first inning and five runs in the second inning. UWS scored its first run in the third inning. The last run of the game came from the Titans in the sixth inning.

Sarah Hammerton batted in four RBIs for the Titans. Quaid and Martineck each had one RBI for UWO. Sanford was credited with the win bringing her record to 2-0. Sanford struck out five batters with only one walk. Nardi was credited with the save for the Titans.

UWO defeated the Wisconsin Lutheran College Warriors 5-1. The Warriors scored its only run in the first inning. The Titans



Courtesy of Steve Frommell / UWO Athletics

Freshman Emma Bohn takes a swing against UW-Superior on March 1.

would score runs in the second, fourth and fifth inning.

The Titans had five players each accumulating one RBI. Bougie was credited the

win pitching six innings with two strikeouts. Skyler Calmes pitched one inning and had one strikeout for UWO.

The Titans will be back in

action at the UW-Oshkosh Rec Plex to face the St. Norbert College Green Knights in a double header on March 7 at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.



Scoreboard

Wednesday, Feb. 25

Women’s Basketball

UWO - 68

UWRF - 41

Women’s Flag Football

Aurora - 34

UWO - 0

Friday, Feb. 27

Women’s Basketball

UWL - 52

UWO - 49

Men’s Wrestling

12th of 16 teams, 30.5

Women’s Track and Field

3rd of 8 teams, 53

Men’s Track and Field

2nd of 8 teams, 163.5

Women’s Gymnastics

UWO - 193.500

UWS - 189.525

Saturday, Feb. 28

Men’s Wrestling

12th of 16 teams, 30.5

Women’s Track and Field

3rd of 8 teams, 53

Men’s Track and Field

2nd of 8 teams, 163.5

Softball

UWO - 12

St. Scholastica (Minnesota) - 0

UWO - 3

Loras College -2

Women’s Tennis

Carroll - 6

UWO - 1

Sunday, March 1

Softball

UWO - 7

UW-Superior - 1

UWO - 5

Wisconsin Lutheran College - 1

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March. 5

Baseball

vs. Concordia-Moorhead (Minnesota) at 2:30 p.m.

Friday, March. 6

Baseball

vs. Concordia University Chicago (Illinois) at 8:30 a.m.

Women’s Basketball

NCAA Tournament

vs. Webster University (Missouri) at 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 28

Track and Field

at UW-La Crosse Invitational, TBA

Women’s Gymnastics

at WIAC Championship, at 2:30 pm

Softball

vs St. Norbert College, at noon and 2 p.m.

Softball

vs. College of St. Scholastica (Minnesota), at 6:15 p.m.

Women’s Basketball

TBD, 7:15 p.m.

A-Trivia

The last time the UW-Oshkosh women’s basketball team did not host a regional in 2022-23, where did the Titans go?

Answer: Ohio Northern University



Courtesy of UW-Platteville Athletics

UWO’s Carter Thomas tries to guard Platteville’s Max Lucy in the Titans’ 72-79 loss to UW-Platteville in the WIAC tournament on Feb. 24.

Oshkosh ends season in WIAC tournament

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The UW-Oshkosh men’s basketball team was defeated by UW-Platteville 79-72 on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at Bo Ryan Court at Williams Fieldhouse in the first round of the WIAC Tournament.

Carter Thomas scored a career-high 26 points by shooting 8-for-17 from the field. Thomas has also reached 999 career points. He was followed in points by Michael Metcalf-Grassman, scoring 25 points, shooting 10-for-18.

The Titans shot 24-for-56 (42.9%) from the floor, 9-for-28 (32.1%) from 3-point range and 15-for-24 (62.5%) from the line.

Platteville shot 30-for-59 (50.8%) from the field, 5-for-21 (23.8%) from beyond the 3-point arc and 14-of-21 (66.7%) at the foul line.

The Pioneers had four double digit scorers in Max Lucey with 16 points, Bristol Lewis and Max Love both with 13 points and Joey Fuhremann with 11 points.

Oshkosh and Platteville traded the lead six times when Nate Nazos gave the Titans the lead with nine minutes left in the first half. But a minute later, the Pioneers regained the lead with a three making the score 21-19. UWP kept the lead going after a layup by Miles Hettinger and maintained a lead throughout the end of the half 39-34.

Thomas scored a three, giving UWO a lead of 48-46 with more

than 12 minutes remaining. Platteville responded by scoring six points in 30 seconds giving them the lead at 50-48. The Titans had 3-pointers from Thomas and Joey LaChapell, who led the game in assists with six, put the Titans within one at 76-75. But the Pioneers had other plans, going on a 11-3 run, making the score 63-59.

UWP continued to dominate, leading by 10 or more points during the final half of the game and ended with Platteville shooting free throws with ten seconds left.

The Titans following this loss have been knocked out of contention for the NCAA Division III Tournament. UWO shined in the WIAC by leading in assists, steals and three pointers made. Oshkosh also had the highest

point average in the WIAC with 82.3. UWO has played more aggressively on pass ins leading to high steals. and since UWO makes so many threes, they’re bound to have a high scoring average.

However, the high production on offense does not help with their defense. UWO had the highest point average with teams averaging 78 points against them, worst in the WIAC.

While the season is over, Oshkosh overall has improved on many fronts from the previous season. They won four more games than the previous season and improved their offensive stats significantly. Hopefully the jump this year will give UW-Oshkosh men’s basketball to look forward to next season.

Track and field competes at WIAC Championship

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At the WIAC Indoor Championship, UW-Oshkosh’s men’s and women’s squads had a successful weekend at the Williams Center, hosted by UW-Platteville.

The men’s team placed second with 163.5 points, while the women’s team finished third with 53 points, both falling to UW-La Crosse, which scored 206 and 328 points for its men’s and women’s teams, respectively.

Titans’ Dylan Doss and Amelia Lehman shined the brightest. Doss won the 60-meter dash in 6.69 seconds and the 200-meter dash in 21.48 seconds. For the women’s team, Lehman contributed 30 of the 53 team points, winning both the mile and the 3,000-meter run with times of 4:58.75 and 9:51.43, respectively, while also anchoring the Distance Medley Relay (DMR) to victory in 12:11.57.

Despite the individual success, Lehman said the relay victory meant the most to her.

“I am most proud of the DMR win because it was a team win,” Lehman said.

The men’s team recorded its

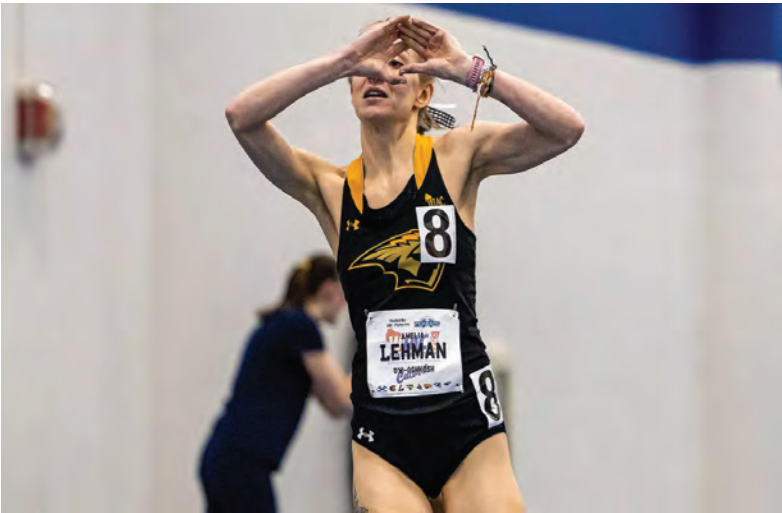
highest point total since 2022 and the fifth-highest total in program history. Joshua Rivers captured the long jump with a mark of 7.91 meters, setting new facility and meet records and leading Division III nationally, a distance that would also rank 12th in Division I. Cameron Cullen won the 3,000-meter run in 8:28.39 and also placed second in the 5,000-meter run with 14:28.66.

Collin Kao took first in the pole vault with a clearance of 5.21 meters. Other top men’s performances included Doss setting a program record in the 400 meters with 47.73 seconds, Charlie Nolan scoring 5,046 points in the heptathlon, Jo Hibbler clearing 2.01 meters in the high jump and Davian Willems running 6.72 in the 60 meters.

On the women’s side, UW-Oshkosh’s DMR victory featured Emma Boegh on the 1,200-meter leg, Megan Hoffman on the 400 meters, Lehna Mitchell on the 800 meters and Lehman anchoring the mile.

Lehman said the relay brings a different kind of intensity compared to individual events.

“DMR feels different from other



Courtesy of Andy Mcneil / UW-Platteville Athletics

Amelia Lehman competes in an event during the WIAC Championships. Lehman won the 3,000-meter run during Saturday’s events.

races because of the environment and the pressure to race and win for others,” Lehman said. “We already have chemistry because of all the training we do together. I think what helps the most is encouraging each other.”

She said seeing both teams finish on the podium made the weekend even more special.

“It feels incredible to see both teams podium this weekend,” Lehman said. “The last few years the DMR has been iffy. It’s cool to see the impact of the DMR.”

The 4x400 relay placed third in 3:55.93, led by Addie Baker, Hoffman, Jenna Pierre, and Maddy LaVoi. Maya Van Schyndel finished fourth in the 60-meter hurdles (8.90), Amaya Lafontant finished eighth (9.27) and Boegh placed sixth in the 800 meters (2:19.14)

Both the men’s and women’s teams will compete in the UW-La Crosse Final Qualifier March 7 before the Division III Indoor Championship in Birmingham, Alabama March 13–14.