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Voters decide fate on five ballot items

By Jacob Link
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Oshkosh area voters decided the fate of five ballot items in the April 7 spring election and five newcomers will take positions in state and local government.

UWO student Ali Mataczynski said she wanted to go out and vote to exercise her right and to elect caring officials into office.

"[I was looking for] people that are focused more on allowing people their freedoms rather than restricting and taking away what people can do," Mataczynski said. "People that have more of an open

heart and seem to care more about actual people and not just their close buddies or the people around them."

Fellow UWO student Emma Siverly said that she went to vote because everyone deserves to have a voice.

"You deserve to be able to have your voice heard in whatever environment you're in," Siverly said. "Especially in such a small area, in such a localized location, I think it's incredibly important to be able to say the things that you need to see in the world."

Former Mayor Paul Esslinger is back on the Oshkosh Common

Council after losing his seat in the last election. Esslinger finished third in the six-person race with 4,754 votes at the time of publication, 85 votes ahead of Logan Jungbacker. Jacob Amos, the first Black man on the council, was reelected to his position with 5,812 votes while Alec Lefebber finished second with 5,261 votes at the time of publication.

In the race for Oshkosh Area School District (OASD) School Board, Barbara Herzog and Jacob Wolf took home the top two spots after accumulating 8,823 and 6,716 votes in the four-person race.

In the statewide election for Wisconsin Supreme Court, Chris

Taylor earned the spot vacated by Rebecca Bradley by 59.5% of the vote by press time. Taylor earned 860,663 votes while Maria Lazar totaled 584,626.

UWO student Casen Frassetto was officially elected to represent District 16 in the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors after running unopposed while Anthony LoCoco faced no competition in his race for Wisconsin Court of Appeals Judge for District II.

Frassetto said in an interview with the Advance-Titan last week that he was running to make the county safer and more affordable.

"Too often, I hear about expen-

sive housing costs and rent for young people in the area, which is why I am committed to getting more affordable housing built in Oshkosh and the rest of the county," he said. "I will also be a fierce advocate to get the sheriff's department to withdraw from the 287(g) agreement they have with ICE so that the people of this country won't have to worry about ICE terrorizing our community, and to encourage transparency with our law enforcement."

To find the official results from the spring election, visit www.winnebagoountywi.gov/262/Election-Information.

Prices affect students

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With the U.S. war in Iran in its second month and the two countries reportedly accepting a two-week ceasefire on Tuesday night, UW-Oshkosh commuter students say they are tired of paying more at the gas pump.

"I wish gas companies, and our nation's leaders would find different solutions to inflation and overseas conflicts that would not involve gas prices to go up," UWO commuter student Sarah Williamsen said.

According to CBS News, with the Strait of Hormuz closed off, it is interfering with a key shipping route for oil and natural gas, causing the price of oil to be over \$100 per barrel.

The news agency also said the U.S. is seeing a 16% increase in its national average for gas prices around \$3.48 a gallon with diesel up 23.61% at \$4.66 a gallon.

CBS News reported that the cost of oil makes up 60% of the price of gas, which means many states will see an increase of 20 to 50 cents over the next week.

CBS News said the country could see high gas prices until fall with the summer travel season creating a high demand even if oil production and distribution resumes soon.

UWO student Kayla Magdanz said she has already seen an increase in the price of gas at the pump.

"Normally in a month I would spend \$200 filling my tank with normal gas prices," she said. "Now, since the prices have risen, I am spending around \$250 a month."

Being a commuter student, Magdanz said she tries to be mindful with how much she is driving.

"I drive about 17 miles to and from school," she said. "If a class is can-

celled and I still have to be on campus later, I will stay even if I have to wait five hours till my other event. It would be nice to go home and relax for a few hours, but it's not worth my gas."

Williamsen said school plays a big factor in how much she is paying at the pump.

"I am spending between \$40 to \$45 a week on gas," she said. "Roughly half of that is for commuting to and from college. Normally, I can fill the tank with \$30 and then do a \$10 to \$15 refill later in the week. Over the last few weeks, I'm a quarter tank short when I put \$30 in."

UWO student Elli Clemence said she travels back and forth between school and her hometown of New Berlin for her job.

"This semester I will be going home a lot, especially with my job, which makes me travel every other weekend," she said. "From school to my job it's 84 miles. When I last came home the gas prices had gone up. The last time I got gas at the Kwik Trip it was \$3.99 and it is now \$5."

With the war in the Middle East, Williamsen said she is already looking ahead at ways to save on her gas usage.

"I will only be taking one class instead of two in the fall," she said. "I will only have to drive to school two to three times a week when the price of gas goes up during the Thanksgiving and Christmas rush."

Williamsen said with prices showing no signs of dropping, she takes advantage of money saving opportunities while filling up her tank.

"One of the big ways I am saving gas money is that I use my fuel points from the Pick 'n Save [and] BP program," she said. "I am driving so much that my mom lets me use her points too."

Singh sings



Jacob Link / Advance-Titan

UW-Oshkosh Chancellor Manohar Singh performs at the Culver Family Welcome Center April 3 during Desi Night. Read more about Desi Night and Singh on Page 3.

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Concerns heighten as data centers spread

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As Wisconsin lawmakers move to regulate the rapid expansion of artificial intelligence data centers, experts warn the projects could strain water resources and energy grids in the Fox Valley.

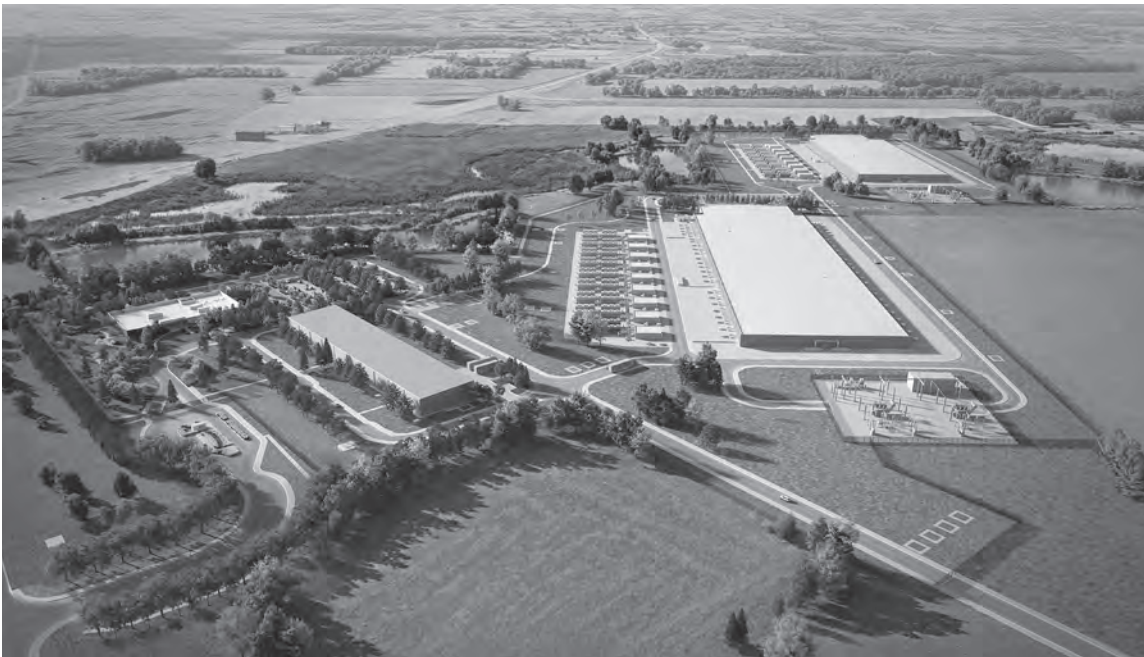
UW-Oshkosh’s Sustainability Director Brad Spanbauer said the pros don’t outweigh the cons for AI data centers.

“AI data centers in Wisconsin, driven by massive AI projects, are straining regional water resources and energy grids, placing them under the scrutiny of the Great Lakes Compact,” Spanbauer said. “While these ‘hyperscale’ projects promise economic growth, they require massive amounts of water for cooling and energy, raising concerns about potential violations of the Compact’s strict water-diversion rules, which restrict taking water outside the Great Lakes Basin, and highlighting a regulatory gap regarding high-volume water use.”

According to the Wisconsin Examiner, the Wisconsin State Assembly passed Assembly Bill 840 by a 53-44 vote on Jan. 20 which allows the regulation of AI data centers being built in Wisconsin.

Spanbauer said due to high water and energy consumption, energy bills for Wisconsin households may increase.

“The Wisconsin grid was already stressed to meet demand,” Spanbauer said. “Adding more fossil fuel-powered infrastructure to supply energy to the data centers is only go-



Courtesy of Meta

An example of the data centers Meta has constructed. Trees and bodies of water are incorporated.

ing to exacerbate growing problems.”

Andrew Kell, Renew Energy’s policy director, said Wisconsin is producing 17.4 gigawatts of energy and a large-scale data center uses around four gigawatts of energy.

“The electricity usage over the course of a year, what they’re projecting, it’s like the city of Milwaukee,” Kell said.

A doctoral student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Gabriel Shapiro, said energy usage is directly linked to water usage.

“It turns out that 90% of the data center’s water use comes indirectly from the electricity that it requires, and that by putting in these closed loop systems, it cancels out those benefits, because they’re actually using way more electricity,” Shapiro said. “These closed loop systems have to be kept at high pressure all the time to be able to keep the closed loop so it’s directly connected.”

Shapiro said there are benefits from data centers shutting down operations for a few hours out of the year to pull down the strain on the energy grid.

“Gas plants don’t have to get built to be able to meet the demand if they can just agree to be for a small portion of the year,” Shapiro said.

Kell said Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers has a goal to get zero carbon emissions by the year 2050.

“It’s going to take a lot of investments,” Kell said. “It’s going to take a lot of policies and economic transition to make that happen.”

Shapiro said there is creative thinking when it comes to adding more ways to get towards this goal by 2050.

“There’s ways to mix farming with solar, grazing sheep underneath the solar panels,” Shapiro said. “There is degraded land that is not being farmed, where the solar should go. There’s toxic waste sites, landfills that can be covered and highway medians.”

Shapiro said the Fox Valley can take action by crafting safe guards surrounding the data center boom.

“The Fox Valley could center itself as being a leader and saying, ‘we want to say that we’re going to do it our way,’” Shapiro said. “Essentially, not letting these big tech companies kind of trample in and set up on their own terms, but instead, here’s a set of requirements.”

Food insecurity on the rise in Oshkosh

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As the national food insecurity rate rises across the U.S., Wisconsin food pantries are seeing higher numbers of families and students using the services to stay financially afloat.

The Oshkosh Area Community Pantry (OACP) reported in 2025 that it served 4,523 households (a 107% increase from 2021), distributing nearly 2.2 million pounds of food to its guests.

Purdue researchers define food insecure Americans as not being able to afford a balanced meal and occasionally having to skip a meal or eating less for financial reasons.

A Purdue University survey found that about 14% of U.S. households reported food insecurity in 2025, which has increased since 2024.

It’s projected that roughly 2.4 million Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients could lose benefits due to new work requirements in President Trump’s One Big Beautiful Bill.

OACP Program Manager Elizabeth Ahnert said they partner with six pantries in Winnebago County to share food between each other so if one location has extra, they’ll

send it to another pantry experiencing higher volumes.

“Anybody that is a partner agency of Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin or TEFAP, can share product corresponding to those programs with other agencies who are also partners,” Ahnert said.

Over the last four years, Ahnert said the leadership team has grown by two people, but the number of people they serve has doubled.

“Everything’s expensive,” she said. “People are trying to make ends meet and we are seeing the demand continue to rise.” Matthew Caine of Oshkosh Student Government food pantry said a growing number of students have been using it, increasing by 100 students each month for the last three months of spring.

“We had an entire week off in March and it was still 400 [students] compared to 200 from just two months ago,” Caine said.

During UWO’s spring break, Caine was surprised to see how many students still visited the pantry within the few days it was open.

“Over break alone, we had a record of 63 uses and that’s just never happened,” Caine said.

Sophie Meiners, a student



A-T File Photo

A shelf of prioritized food items which more families are relying on.

at UWO who uses the food pantry regularly, said she recommends the resource to students at her campus job working for the READ Center as a peer academic coach.

“Living on my own definitely makes you have to be a bit wiser with your spending, especially now that I don’t have a meal plan,” Meiners said.

She said that even at her school clinicals she’s seeing more students who struggle with food insecurity when trying to get some decent food

without breaking the bank.

“Having the resources on campus is really helpful because you can get some nutritious food from the pantry when trying to pinch every penny,” she said.

Ahnert said each day OACP guests and families may be facing challenges in their life, but she’s happy that she can make a difference.

“At the end of the day, I get to rest my head knowing I made an impact on somebody’s life,” she said.



Courtesy of Oshkosh Fine Arts Association's Facebook Page
Paintings line tables inside the Oshkosh Arena at the the Wisconsin Regional Art Program (WRAP) Art Show is back at the Winter Farmer's Market on April 18.

WRAP Art Show

Wrapping up the winter farmer's market at the Oshkosh Arena

By **Natália Koriktová**
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The Wisconsin Regional Art Program (WRAP) Art Show will return to the winter farmer's market on April 18 at the Oshkosh Arena for the third straight year.

The winter farmer's market takes place on selected Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The selected dates, as well as any scheduling problems, can be found on their website.

The two locations hosting the

indoor market are the Oshkosh Arena and the Oshkosh Convention Center.

The winter farmer's market was launched in 2012, to help support local farmers and ensure that they receive revenue all year round, according to Michelle Schultz, the market manager.

Over the years it grew from 30 vendors, to over 60, according to Schultz.

"We don't sell enough all summer long, to be able to keep ourselves going in the winter time," Schultz said. "A lot of the farm-

ers were working part time jobs and doing other things."

According to Schultz, 60% of the vendors are returning and they are very valuable, because they keep bringing people back.

"The regular customers that come to the farmers market literally have a weekly routine and plan for everyone they plan on seeing," Schultz said.

Schultz said that the market works with a couple groups to get the area where it takes place cleaned up.

The "Pop-Up" Art Show is

presented by the Oshkosh Fine Arts Association.

It provides a place for non-professional art enthusiasts to present their work across Wisconsin. The event at the Oshkosh Arena features art workshops and exhibits, and the admission is free.

"Art seems to go well with the farmers market," Schultz said.

Collaborations with the winter farmer's market are hand-picked by the market manager and then by the staff and board members, according to Schultz.

"Most vendors or events or

things that join the market essentially reach out to us first with an idea for collaboration, and we try to accommodate as many of those as we can," Schultz said.

She said the winter farmer's market truly offers a lot to choose.

"We always welcome everyone to the market, because we really strive to have something there for everyone," she said.

Come see for yourself this April and experience what Schultz believes is the "favourite community event."

Chancellor Singh sings at Desi Night

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UW-Oshkosh Chancellor Manohar Singh supported the International Students Association (ISA) in hosting Desi Night, a celebration of South Asian culture, at the Culver Family Welcome Center on April 3.

Even the severe rain couldn't dampen the mood as students and faculty from UWO, UW-Green Bay, UW-Milwaukee, Ripon College and Fox Valley Technical College arrived for a night of desi fun.

The DJ played a mixture of desi music and Western pop music while attendees enjoyed a complimentary dinner featuring traditional Indian cuisine and dessert.

ISA president Hiba Seraj addressed guests and welcomed them to the event by encouraging them to participate in the henna and bangles station that was set up to showcase elements of desi fashion.

"Desi night is all about bringing together the vibrant cultures of South Asia, which is Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Nepal and other countries," Seraj said. "It's all about sharing our traditions, our

energy, our culture and our joy with you."

ISA members contributed to the evening's entertainment by sharing humorous stories from their lives and then discussing their experiences coming to the U.S., with member Zafeer Rahim saying he was hesitant to pursue his education so far from home.

"I said no because I didn't have any motivation to go," Rahim said, "What is my purpose if I come here?"

Rahim spoke to the audience in both his first language and English, emphasizing the importance of expanding your goals as a student in the U.S.

"This is what I've learned throughout my college life," Rahim said. "If you really desire something, the whole universe comes together just so you can meet your destination."

Singh shared that he had similar feelings of indecision before deciding to leave India and said many international students struggle to find a sense of belonging.

"I've been an international student myself, and many of your staff or colleagues might have already been in those shoes that you are in today," Singh said. "That is

the uncertainty about destinations that you may go to if you are international, and even if you're not."

While Singh acknowledged the struggles that international students face, he also said their determination in spite of those struggles is one of their greatest strengths.

"This is an age where people are unsure of ourselves, unsure of the support mechanisms, unsure of the world around us in general," Singh said. "But still feeling powerful enough, optimistic enough, supported enough, and loved enough to say, 'We can.'"

Singh said he was moved to participate in the event when a member of his staff came to him with the idea to showcase their culture and asked if he would like to perform as well.

"When I see these kids trying to showcase their upbringing, proudly, and then trying to make sure they are seen as being completely assimilated within the culture, there's a balance you have struck here," Singh said.

Following his speech, Singh stepped aside and gave a soulful performance that energized the crowd, who clapped along as he sang a classic desi song.

Vibrant draped fabric backdrops

and string lights framed the stage as ISA club members performed choreography that showed off Bollywood-style situational comedy and the vibrant dance culture often seen at desi functions.

Singh took time to praise the ISA organizers for their ambitious planning and execution of the event, remaining adamant that the students should take full credit for its success.

"I'm getting this credit, and I really want to say that the boldness, the purity of their love and the passion for what they do, their love for life as students is just unbelievable," Singh said.

Seeing students thrive in the environments that they help build is one of the more rewarding parts of his job, Singh said.

"That's a privilege," Singh said. "That's an honor to be serving as a chancellor of such a wonderful generation of students."

UWO freshman Kacie Stamm said she has had more opportunities to widen her perspective and experience cultures that differ from her own by attending events like Desi Night.

"I grew up without a lot of cultural influence," Stamm said. "So I feel like it's really nice to get out

there and learn about stuff that I didn't know about before. I feel like I see people and I didn't realize how many different diversities and cultures we really had at the school, so that's something that's been interesting for me to experience."

Seraj emphasized that the ISA is always open to everyone who wishes to participate and members are provided with resources to host events that highlight their culture.

"It's not only for me," Seraj said. "Whoever wants to can use ISA to represent their culture and feel at home. We are there to provide groceries, find transportation, provide them with space, music, whatever they need so that they can enjoy and feel at home in this different world."

The ISA is a student-led organization open to anyone interested in exploring diverse cultures and global perspectives.

ISA continuously organizes programs that enrich student life while fostering international understanding, friendships, and awareness of the international student community at UWO.

For more information on upcoming culture nights visit ISA on its social media pages.

YOUR GUIDE TO PUB CRAWL

1. Get fitted to crawl

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Pub Crawl isn't all about beer pong, bar hopping and keg stands. You have to look good while doing it! I'll always remember getting ready for school dances in high school and that being the best part. Whether you're looking to dress to impress, or even find a new partner, doing it in style

is the best. You can put aside the same beer shirt you've worn for the past four years, and follow this guide to crawl in style.

1. A skirt

Luckily, its spring crawl and you can use a skirt to dress up an outfit! With Wisconsin weather, you never know how it will be, and it always gets colder at night. A denim skirt is always so cute to

add with a graphic shirt.

2. A fun jacket

An outfit can be boring, but a jacket can make the statement. Like I mentioned, with Wisconsin weather, you really don't know how it's going to be. If you're really bar hopping, a jacket may be nice. A fun leather jacket, or colored corduroy can dress up your worn out Levi's.

3. A vintage beer shirt

I know I said to put away the same old beer shirt, but a vintage one can be fun! Luckily, in Oshkosh we have a few vintage stores on Main Street where some of these shirts may be! Sometimes you can even strike gold at the thrift! They don't make shirts like they used to, so a vintage one would be fun.

4. A jersey

With it being sports season, jerseys are seen everywhere. While I wouldn't personally wear a jersey, I do think they look good! They can be dressed up or down, and be a good conversation starter. Let's say you see someone cute, but he's wearing an enemy's jersey, then you can start a little flirty conversation!

Pub Crawl's ultimately meant to be fun and spontaneous, so don't worry about your outfit too much. It's always fun to get ready for an event, and go out with your friends. You can look as good as you feel, and hold confidence with each strut!



2. Choose the music

From country, rock, rap, house and club music, the Advance-Titan staff has compiled a playlist of songs with a variety of genres perfect for your crawl, and perfect for any type of crawler.

We have classic pub crawl songs like "NOKIA," "The Spins," "Love Sosa" and more, as well as classic club hits like "Damn I Love Miami," "Play Hard" and "No Hands." Of course, we couldn't forget the classic drinking songs like "Rattlin' Bog," either.

We also added some newer hits like "Stateside" by Pink Pantheress featuring Zara Larsson and "360" and "Mean Girls" by Charli XCX.

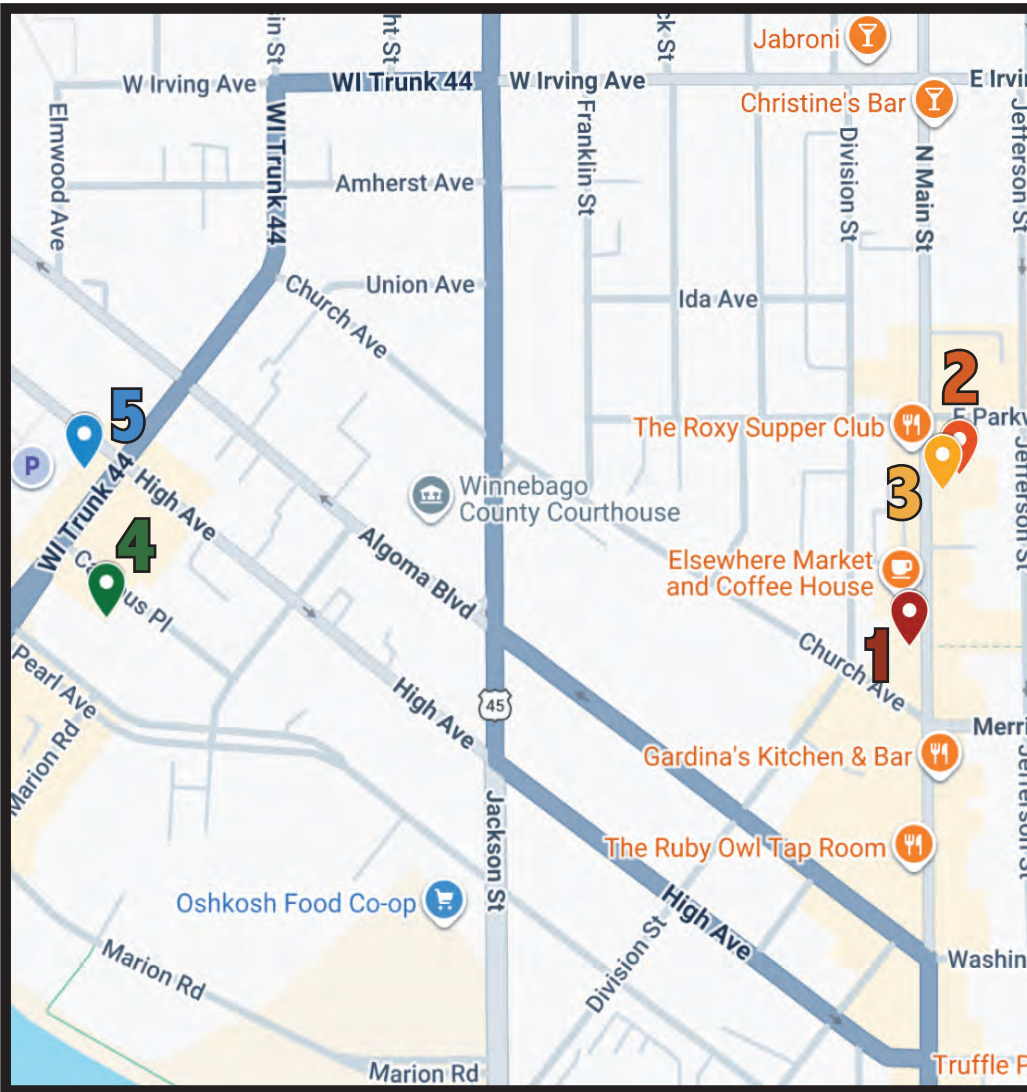
Give it listen for the perfect blend of music, sure to please everyone at the party.



Graphic by Ana Hesse

PUT THE A-T ON AUX

3. Pick your pubs



By A-T Staff
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1. Distillery Pub

If you're looking for one of the cheapest and most authentic dive bar experiences in downtown Oshkosh, Distillery Pub is the place to go. With its \$1 mystery shots and \$1.50 frosty mugs, you can easily walk out of there intoxicated for under \$10. The pub offers a variety of bar games with a pool table, blackjack, pull tabs and multiple slot machines so if you're not enjoying sitting at the bar with their regular Mike, you have other things to do. This is the ideal place to start your night out, but make sure not to bring fake identification because your risk being a free \$10 bar tab for someone.

2. Varsity

Cheap drinks, good bar food, and pool — what more could you ask for? Varsity's is a great place to eat some of that good 'ol bar food for the alcohol you've consumed (and are

about to consume) to rest on. Not to mention, they have great cheese curds. If you're able to get a seat at one of their many booths, it's also a great place to discuss the day's lore and get ready for the rest of your night at the bars.

3. Fletch's

Has a dance floor along with live music most weekends. The live music is a huge bonus for the bar since this is one of the few bars that has live music and is the only bar that consistently hosts live music. Inside, there's an upstairs whiskey bar, a first floor bar and in the warmer months an outdoor bar. When it's warm there are swings, fire pits, and an area to play cornhole. There's also foosball, darts and gambling machines for general bar games to play within the bar. Overall, Fletch's is a great stop for a night out in downtown Oshkosh.

4. Molly McGuire's

Not only is there a dance floor, there's also a good bar.

Molly's separates a sticky floor from dancing with space between each section. You're able to sit down, and sip, or get up and dance! The downside is, sometimes they play bad music, but they will play requests! The bartenders are quick to make drinks, and are always very nice. They always start with beer pong for a fun activity at the beginning of the night, and then will clear the floor! This bar is the best way to end the night, and throw it back.

5. Kelly's

You know the saying — "Kelly's for one." A quaint dive bar right across the street from Molly's, Kelly's is the perfect place to end the night. Here, you can sit at the bar, play some pool and recap the night's events — if you're able — without having to yell over loud music. Going to Kelly's for one after the night's events is a staple for bar-goers here in Oshkosh, and it would be wrong not to fulfill this trope on pub crawl of all days.



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4. Stay Safe!

1. Utilize the buddy system!
2. Bring. Water.
3. Keep your phone charged and on you.
4. Open drink? Stay on the lawn.
5. Stay as alert as possible.

Alcohol and Consent

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.

With Pub Crawl being right around the corner, hook-up culture grows at an all-time high. If you don't know what hook-up culture is, it also represents a one night stand. Pub Crawl can be problematic when it comes to hook-up culture. With cuffing season ending, many people are just sick of relationships, and want to go straight to sex. That's where Pub Crawl and hook-up culture become best friends.

This really made me think though, how many people are having sex when they are drunk? The answer should be none, but we know that's not true. I don't know if you knew this, but you cannot legally consent to sex when you're intoxicated.

According to the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom, both parties can consent to sexual activity

if neither are incapacitated. Meaning, having sex with an individual is illegal if they are incapacitated. In other words, are unable to function normally, and cannot give legal consent.

While having a few drinks, and then having sex is not illegal, a person cannot give legal consent if they are too impaired to understand what they are doing, or their actions. I still think it's wrong though because technically you're not in your right mind. Sex in college, especially while being drunk, is inevitable. So here are some things that you really need to keep in mind.

If your partner is drunk, and you're not, do not have sex with them. Not only is it plain wrong, you are basically taking advantage of them not being sober. This act is so dehumanizing, and again, plain wrong. A lot of people don't completely remember the night they were drunk, so engaging in sex is not the best choice of activity to be made.

With that in mind, I can't stress enough the importance of protection. Birth control isn't 100% effective. Wrap it, before you tap it!

Also, if you are engaging in hook-up culture, you don't know where that person's been. It's better to be more safe than sorry.

Last thing to keep in mind is if you're not 100% sure, don't do it. If you can't even remember where you are, how many drinks you had, or even your partner's name, you shouldn't be having sex with them.

My question has answered itself. Many people are having sex when they're drunk and I believe that you shouldn't engage in these acts if you aren't sober.

Again, sex is a vulnerable thing, that should at least be a bit thought about before the action occurs. As I mention throughout all of my columns, you do know yourself best, and know who you are. Always do what feels right for you, and for your body.

Letters to the Editor

Pub Crawl guests allowed in dorms?



Photos by Jess Dutch / Advance-Titan

Yes

By Olivia Porter

Pub Crawl is about having fun with your friends and making new friends and I think it's unfair that people who reside in the dorm rooms can't have their friends come and stay the weekend that aren't enrolled at the university.

Because Pub Crawl has been around for many years, the Oshkosh community, UW-Oshkosh staff and Oshkosh police officers are aware of the event and have implemented a safety rule set for all dorms at UWO: People not enrolled at the university cannot enter the dorms after Friday 7 p.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday.

I have met UWO students who disagree with this rule and think it should be more lenient.

Instead of no guests allowed to stay in dorm rooms during Pub Crawl, there should be a limit of two guests per person or at least a change in the lockdown time.

With anxiety and administration complaints around student enrollment decreasing, this may even provide a form of free advertisement for UWO.

Moreover, not everyone goes out during Pub Crawl, so what if they want their significant other to come to town and be with them? What if they can't go home to see them or can't go home in general?

Changing this rule could be safer for people who don't have a place to sleep and resort to sleeping in their cars. It could also encourage kids to come back earlier instead of coming back at 3 a.m. if the lockdown time was pushed back or taken away.

If there were a safe place to go, it'd be safer for both the students and community. Due to heavy security in the dorms and on the streets, there is less of a risk of non-Oshkosh students spending the weekend in the dorm rooms than a regular weekend in Oshkosh.

No

By Anonymous

I feel that for the best interests and safety of our UW-Oshkosh students, faculty, staff and our overall university community, guests should not be allowed to spend the night during Pub Crawl within our campus resident hall buildings.

Due to the unfortunate recent events that occurred during Pub Crawl which threatened the well-being and safety of our UWO community, it reinforced exactly why outside guests should not be allowed during Pub Crawl weekend.

The ban of guests during this given weekend limits and prevents any additional possible threats to students throughout the dorms and it is one less thing we as a university community have to worry about. The effects of alcohol consumption cause irrational, unpredicted and sometimes harmful behavior to individuals that would not occur otherwise without the consumption of alcohol.

Poor judgements can be made by people under the influence and the last thing we want as members of UWO is for guests to manipulate dorm residents into allowing them as guests inside the building(s) so that certain guests can execute intended inappropriate and harmful behavior to other residents and students.

The entire purpose and establishment of this ban on having guests in our dorm buildings was to ensure protection for all members involved. It is simply just one night and weekend to sacrifice not having guests, and this sacrifice is well worth it for our community compared the endless possibilities and outcomes that can occur without this restriction of guests during Pub Crawl weekend.

There is already large amounts of chaos and madness that occurs during Pub Crawl weekend and we as members of this community do not need the extra stress, anxiety and harmful possibilities added onto that by bringing those outside detrimental events into our dorms through guests.

Watch out for rip currents in Puerto Rico

By Alaina Hammonds

Dear Editor,

Strong rip currents surrounded over two thirds of Puerto Rico this spring break season, leading to eight deaths by the end of March.

These powerful rip currents, combined with a high surf, created dangerous water conditions over the past month, according to the National Weather Service

The majority of heavily trafficked tourist beaches were serviced by the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, which has specialized safety patrols to help protect visitors from these hazardous conditions.

If the water seemed to be too dangerous or you were to swim out too far, they would whistle you back into shore for safety purposes.

A first time visitor to Puerto Rico recalls her experience in these intense waters.

"I could feel the water getting rougher as I accidentally went a little too far out when trying to boogie board some of the waves. It was almost like I got sucked out a little bit, and when I got off my board, I could feel the water below me pulling me out. I was able to get back in, but didn't have to swim much close to shore. The big waves threw me against the sand,

and I was just happy to be out of the water."

Many tourists stay in the northern part of the island where the rip currents were the worst because it's where the airport is located, along with the rainforest and popular beaches.

It was recommended to swim in the southern beaches.

However, with the access given to tourists on the northern part of the island, it left many unknowing tourists in a dangerous situation.

The safest places to swim are the southern beaches because they have fewer water safety concerns.

Puerto Rico's southern beaches also have a retaining rock wall, cre-



Alaina Hammonds / Advance-Titan

A Beach in Carolina, Puerto Rico.

ating calmer waters and a protected area for swimmers.

Although some waters may appear calm, rip currents are very strong on the northern coast of

Puerto Rico, and it's recommended to swim only at beaches where there are other people in the water. Tourists should avoid getting into the waters alone to limit safety risks.



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Titan athletics celebrates NCAA D-III Week

By Katie Lechton
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UW-Oshkosh athletics, along with the NCAA is taking the week of April 6-12 to celebrate the impact Division III sports and their athletes have on the campus and the surrounding Oshkosh community, known as D-III Week.

The week is part of the Division III's Identity Initiative, which was introduced in 2010, and describes Division III as "a place where student-athletes can follow your passions and develop your potential."

Volleyball head coach Jon Ellmann thinks that something that makes Oshkosh successful is that everyone with the teams are "caretakers."

"I believe that my current role within this amazing university is to be the caretaker of the women's volleyball program," Ellmann said. "It was here before me, and it will be here long after me. My goal is simple, do the best that we can while we're here and in as many ways as possible, leave it better than where we found it. It's the same perspective that our student athletes have about their time in a Titan jersey."

Ellmann said he is always impressed by his athletes' work ethic.

"The women in our programs here at UW-Oshkosh are not only leaders in their programs and on this campus, they're tomorrow's world leaders," Ellmann said. "Seeing these women graduate and move on to what's next gives me a lot of optimism about the future."

Women's gymnastics head coach Lauren Karnitz, who just took home her fourth National Collegiate Gymnastics Association title this year, said she's able to recruit top athletes from around the country to come to UWO.

"We had a recruit here today from upstate New York," Karnitz said in an interview with WRST-FM last week. "It's one of those things, [where] she's choosing between us and not doing gymnastics and going to Clemson. There's a good chance

we can get this kid over Clemson, you know? And Clemson's a beautiful campus, beautiful school, and has ACC football, right? But like, there is something special and different about [this] city, which makes it, I think, really easy [to recruit to]."

From the mid-1950's to 1978, UW-Oshkosh was a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) in men's sports, while being a participant in women's sports under the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW). UWO won one championship in the AIAW across the five sports offered to women, which is the 1980 women's gymnastics national title. Following the disbandment of the AIAW, women's sports moved to NAIA competition.

During UWO's time in the NAIA, nine national titles returned to the Oshkosh campus, with eight of them being in men's gymnastics, winning back-to-back titles in 1973 and 1974, along with six-straight championships from 1978 to 1983. The ninth is the 1986 women's gymnastics championship.

Oshkosh got its start in D-III with baseball, which moved from NAIA following the 1978 season. In the Titans' 22 seasons at the NAIA level, they collected seven district championships and three area IV titles. Following the move to the NCAA, Oshkosh has collected 18 regional championships, and won the 1985 and 1994 Division III national championships. Baseball also holds the longest consecutive postseason appearance record at UWO, after making the D-III tournament 21 straight seasons from 1979-99.

Baseball's move in affiliation started the era of dual affiliation between the NAIA and NCAA D-III, which lasted until the beginning of the 1990-91 school year. The only exception to this was during the 1984-85 school year, where UWO competed exclusively in the NCAA.

By 1990, 11 of the university's 19 offered sports competed with NCAA affiliation.

"Considering our current and



Graphic by Katie Lechton

future needs, our goals and resources, a single national affiliation was warranted," UW-Oshkosh Director of Athletics Lynn King said in a 1990 news release. "Our decision to join the NCAA Division III exclusively is in the best interests of UW-Oshkosh. As always, we will continue to work hard to provide a quality athletic and academic experience for our student-athletes."

With the move, UWO became the third school in the Wisconsin State University Conference, now known as the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC), to align only with NCAA D-III, following UW-Platteville and UW-Whitewater.

The move to NCAA D-III paid off for the Titans. Since 1990, UWO has won 31 national titles across ten sports. Women's track and field holds the most trophies, collecting nine indoor and nine outdoor team titles between 1994 and 2014.

Titan athletics has also reached the postseason 146 times since 1990, and has hosted 30 NCAA Division III national championship events.

In addition to women's track and field, other sports rose to

prominence following the move.

Women's basketball won its first national title in 1996, finishing the season with a perfect 31-0 season, and have reached the 20-win mark every year since the 2012-13 season except for 2020-21, when UWO played 11 games due to COVID-19.

The highest finish men's basketball reached in NAIA was third place in nationals after winning their fourth district championship. It would take 27 seasons and seven postseason appearances for the Titans to make it to the national title game, and an additional season for the black and gold to reach the top of the D-III men's basketball world, winning the 2019 national championship. Since then, UWO has made the tournament three additional times, including a quarterfinal appearance in 2022-23.

Women's volleyball has appeared in the NCAA Division III tournament 21 times, compiling a match record of 38-22, and appearing in three straight elite eights. After finishing runner-up in 1994, UWO won its first national title on Dec 5, 2025, after not dropping a set the entire national tournament. The Titans

are the first team to accomplish that feat since 2004.

When men's soccer rejoins the athletic lineup in the fall of 2027, it will inherit a legacy only described as one of the most decorated in UWO, WIAC, and D-III history. Oshkosh posted a 423-122-55 all-time record, including a 19-12-3 record in tournament play, along with two WIAC conference titles and 14 NCAA tournament appearances from 1984 to 2015.

The team was suspended due to state budget cuts, and Title IX guidelines on gender balances. UWO is sixth in D-III history in consecutive winning seasons with 31, ninth in consecutive wins, 11th in both shutouts during a single season and consecutive home victories, and 18th in consecutive matches without a loss.

NCAA D-III has shaped the trajectory of UWO athletics into a national powerhouse. With D-III week being a time to build awareness and understanding towards D-III, it's also a time to reflect on the past, and see how it not only influences the present, but sets a golden standard for the future.

Timber Rattlers feature top prospects

By Brayden Junkers
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Nine of the top 30 prospects in the Milwaukee Brewers organization will be suiting up for the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers for this upcoming season.

Nick Stanley, the manager of the Timber Rattlers said, the team will be keeping the same culture as the brewers.

"An aggressive style, a team that's going to play to win every night, a team that's not going to play afraid to make mistakes and they are just going to play wide open and play hard every night," Stanley said.

The headliners of the talent roster are the No. 1 MLB third base prospect and No. 96 overall prospect Andrew

Fischer as well as MLB's No. 24 overall prospect Luis Pena. The rest of the top 30 prospects are catching prospect Marco Dinges (10th), second base prospect Josh Adamczewski (11th), outfield prospect and Braylon Payne (14th).

Others are first base prospect Eric Bitonti (26th), second base prospect Daniel Dickinson (30th), and right-handed pitchers in Ethan Dorchie (20th) and Bryce Meccage (21st).

Stanley said the team has focused on keys to the upcoming season.

"I wanna relay to these guys to get really obsessed with what they do day-to-day in the process of getting better with, good habits and winning habits," Stanley said.

Stanley returns to the Fox Valley for the first time since 2022, where he was the teams hitting coach for two seasons.

He spent two seasons as the manager for the Brewers Single-A affiliate the Carolina Mudcats.

Stanley was named manager after Victor Estevez took a job with the Washington Nationals back in December of 2025.

He said, "Having a foundation with these guys and understanding, their personalities a little bit makes the communication easier."

The most notable piece of the success of the Timber Rattlers is the fanbase that comes to games as Stanley said it's a special thing to play in a town where everyone is a fan of you.

Stanley said the player development has expectations around development in prospects.

"That's what we do is prepare guys to win in the major league" Stanley said.

He said preparing players for the next step up the ladder is super important.

"Each step of the minor leagues, you sort of build on the foundation," Stanley said.

The Timber Rattlers roster is one that is a must watch with enough talent, you could easily call them the "Baby Brewers."

The next time the timber rattlers will be back in Appleton on April 14th for a six-game series with the Peoria Chiefs at Fox Cities Stadium.



Nick Stanley



Andrew Fischer



Scoreboard

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 9
Flag Football
vs Rockford University (Illinois) at 5:30 p.m.
at Marian University at 7 p.m.

Friday, April 10
Men’s Track and Field
UWO Invitational at 10 a.m./10:15 a.m
Women’s Track and Field
UWO Invitational at 10 a.m./10:15 a.m

Saturday, April 11
Men’s Track and Field
UWO Invitational at 10 a.m./10:15 a.m
Women’s Track and Field
UWO Invitational at 10 a.m./10:15 a.m
Baseball
at UW-Platteville at Noon
at UW-Platteville at 3 p.m.
Softball
vs UW-Eau Claire at 1 p.m.
vs UW-Eau Claire at 3 p.m.
Women’s Tennis
at Concordia University at 2 p.m.

Best sports to watch at Pub Crawl

By The A-T Staff

With Pub Crawl coming up this weekend, we sports editors here at the Advance-Titan want to get into the spirit and give our opinions on what sports are the best to have a beer with, either at home, or in person.

1. Baseball
Baseball at any level should be enjoyed with a beer at the stadium. There’s something special about having a cold one at a baseball game. This goes back to the initial thought that baseball is an even better in-person experience and having a beer adds to the experience factor.

2. Football
Football and having a beer is not a rarity. Having a beer anywhere at the game or at home or at a bar is great. Whether you’re watching the NFL at the bar with your friends or strangers or on the couch at your home, you get a sense of community. But, if you’re attending a college football game, pregaming for four or more hours before and then drinking at the game is the way to do it if you prefer having a few at a game.

3. Basketball
Basketball is interesting because if you’re watching the professional level like the NBA, having a beer at home is just fine. If you’re watching the NCAA tournament, then going to a bar with friends might be one of the



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UW-Oshkosh students gather around the TV at a house party during Pub Crawl to watch sports.

best ways to enjoy the sport of basketball, especially for the early rounds.

4. Auto Racing
This one depends on what racing league you’re watching. If you’re watching a league like Indycar or Formula One, sitting at home and having a beer is the best way to do it. But if you’re talking about NASCAR, all I got to say is

“hell yeah brother,” go to the track and crack open a cold one while 40 cars go flying past you at over 200 miles per hour.

5. Hockey
For Hockey, it depends why you’re there. If you want to have a beer for the social aspect, it’s probably better to enjoy it either at home or with friends or family somewhere else. But if you’re

a true hockey fan, go have one while at the game. With the fast pace of hockey, you have to strategize how to do it.

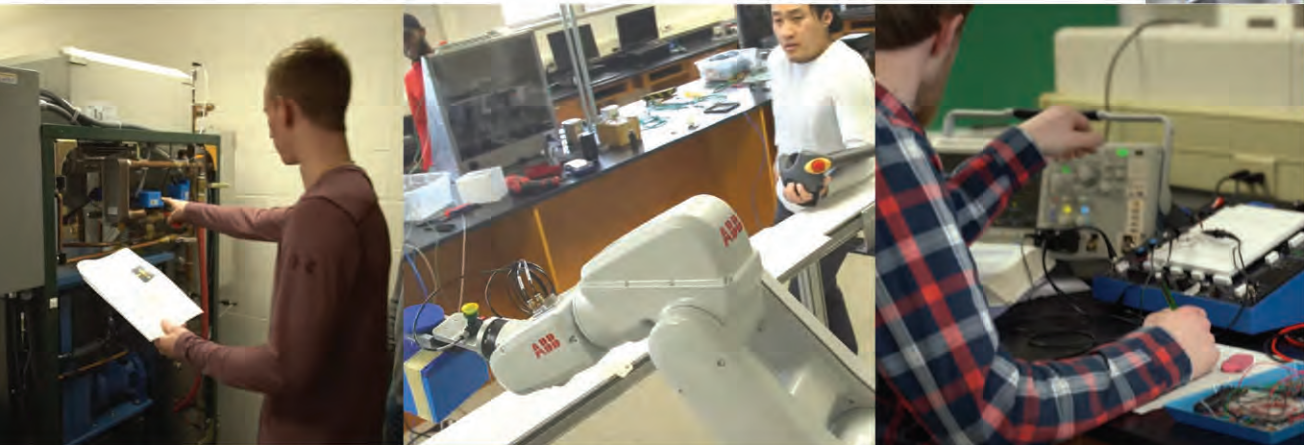
6. Soccer
Soccer has an incredible drinking scene and it doesn’t matter if you’re at the pitch or in a pub. It’s best to drink in a group for this sport as that is part of the social culture around soccer.



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