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Courtesy of UWO

Matthew Caine (left) was elected to be the 2026-27 Oshkosh Student Government President alongside his Vice President Alex Mulligan (right) April 6.

OSG results confirmed

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Matthew Caine and Alex Mulligan won the Oshkosh Student Government (OSG) election on April 3 for president and vice president and will serve their term for the next academic year.

Caine and Mulligan received 214 out of 422 student voters, or 51% of the vote, beating out Charlie Colbert and Ira Schlottke who received 203 out of 422 votes or 48% of the vote.

President elect Caine said it was great to have so much support heading into the election.

"It was amazing," he said. "We had a rally at the Newman Center and we had probably 50 or 60 people cheering for us and to just have that loving support from the Newman Center, but also from the UWO Republicans, UWO Democrats and all of these just larger organizations in general it felt pretty pretty awesome to have the the group vote."

Caine said their campaign was run on transparency, responsibility and accountability.

"Starting next semester you can expect weekly reports from OSG," he said. "Another thing we're pushing for is getting mass emails out and very brief but able to be detailed by giving you our meeting minutes and our recordings, but just exactly what's going on in OSG."

Vice President elect Mulligan said he wants to be very vocal and open with the senate.

"I want to ensure and push our senators to have a more coexisting relationship," he said. "I want them to know each other and build that good working relationship with each other and to communicate and hold them responsible."

Caine said he wants to reconnect with student organizations on campus.

"Recently we've kind of had this distance with student orgs," he said. "If you come to some of the current events that we hold such as town hall events, those are actually very much encouraged that student orgs come to them. They can learn information from the executive board and learn information from members of the campus community."

Mulligan said he wants to push connectivity among the entire campus community.

"Reeve is empty a lot and we want to change that, we want students to feel more welcomed on this campus," he said.

Caine said he wants the senators to report back to OSG for what they are hearing within the community.

"It's about the diverse perspective of students that actually make this organization make change in the community," he said.



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Caine / Mulligan

Matthew Caine
President

Alex Mulligan
Vice-President

OSG President & Vice President

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- 100% transparency - 100% responsibility
- Mend connections across shared governance

"Support, protect, and defend the Constitution of OSG."

Courtesy of Matthew Caine

Flyers distributed by Matthew Caine's campaign showcases his goals for OSG presidency, distributed via Instagram.

Caine said UWO has a great culture and community. "We need student involvement

and we can only be as successful as the people that we surround ourselves with," he said.

Improve Pub Crawl safety

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College-age kids ran for their lives, screaming down the street after shots rang out near McKinley Avenue and John Street around 7 p.m. on April 11. A 17-year-old was shot in the leg during the incident and sent to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Mason Marggi, a college student who's a resident on Scott Avenue, didn't know it was gunshots at first.

"It sounded like fireworks, that's what I thought it was," Marggi said. "Everyone just evacuated the area and started running. We just kept hanging by our fire in the backyard, eventually we saw the ambulance go right past our house."

The suspect was a white male wearing a blue sweatshirt, sweatpants and a hat. He was caught 50 minutes after reports of shots being fired, when the 23-year-old man from Omro was seen in a vehicle and arrested during the high-risk traffic stop.

What was supposed to be a fun weekend celebrating Pub Crawl, the biannual celebration held on the second Saturday in October and April, has turned violent in recent years.

This past Fall Pub Crawl, a 17-year-old from Neenah was arrested for brandishing firearms and pointing them at people in the area. According to The Oshkosh Northwestern, there was another firearm incident that weekend, and 48 citations were made and five arrests were issued.

A mass joint statement email from the Division of Student Affairs at UW-Oshkosh by Kate Demerse and University Chief of Police Chris Tarmann acknowledged the dangers ahead of the spring Pub Crawl.

"In recent years, we have seen a higher likelihood of weapons being present during similar high-activity weekends in the city of Oshkosh," the statement said. "While this is not the norm, it is an important reminder to stay aware of your surroundings, avoid escalating conflict, and leave any situation that feels unsafe."

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Four Oshkosh Police Department officers patrol Scott Avenue during Pub Crawl on April 11 while people drink in the backyard.

Safety: local police patrol Pub Crawl

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The on-campus police deal more with resident halls and on-campus issues, while the Oshkosh Police Department deals with house parties and the nearby streets.

The Division of Student Affairs said they don't want to get people in trouble, just maintain the safety of every individual.

"Our goal is for everyone to enjoy the weekend and return healthy and well," Demerse and Tarmann said. "One night should never jeopardize your safety, academic progress, or future opportunities."

Pub Crawl is challenging from a public safety standpoint because it isn't a traditional, organized event, Tarmann said.

"There is no single owner, no ticketing process, no controlled entry point, and therefore no opportunity for standard security measures like bag checks or metal detectors," Tarmann said. "The event draws attendees from well beyond our campus community, and that expanded audience introduces variables that are genuinely difficult to control."

The police made their presence known starting on Friday, when three officers got people to leave a house party that was getting out of hand.

"The main thing is to break up large house parties and fights," OPD Officer Jacob Schwartz said. "Problems tend to happen when there are a lot of people in crowded spaces."

Another officer, Jack Rew, said it is important for par-



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Pub Crawl attendees gather in a yard close to UWO to participate in biannual event's activities.

ty throwers to make sure they keep unwanted people off their property to prevent issues.

"We don't care if people are passing through the backyard, that's one thing," Rew said. "When they stay on your property after you ask them to leave, that's different. We want you to call us so that we can handle it."

Communication is a huge sticking point for keeping campus safe, UWO Lieutenant Chance Duenkel said.

"In order to help our community make decisions that keep themselves safe, we send out Titan Alerts and try to provide as much information as we can in those moments," Duenkel said. "Fortunately, many of our buildings have card readers that will remain locked unless somebody with an ID or key fob has the correct access to

get into that building, so that is helpful to try to prevent that situation from continuing on the campus."

Technology in recent years has made it easier for officers to keep the community safe.

"The increased quality of cameras that have been installed on campus, both internally and externally, helps us propel an investigation forward," Duenkel said. "Drones definitely benefit law enforcement, and body cams have been an improvement in helping document cases and provide transparency that is expected out of police departments."

Duenkel mentions that officers building connections with the community can lead to a safer campus and surrounding neighborhood.

"I would call bingo numbers at Grocery Bingo in the

Scotts, and I'm a pretty good MC when it comes to grocery bingo," Duenkel said. "But it's things like that where you see police or people in uniform that, just because you see them doesn't mean that there's like a call for service going on, and it kind of helps break that stigma of people in uniforms are just looking to get people in trouble."

Law enforcement does the best they can with the information presently available, Tarmann said.

"Every decision, from staffing levels to resource deployment, is informed by data collected over the years," Tarmann said. "We continuously evaluate what works, what doesn't, and how this event affects the lives of those who live, work, and study on or near our campus."

Student's items stolen from car in a Sage lot

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The UW-Oshkosh Police Department responded to a student report of items stolen from their unlocked car in Lot 30, outside of Sage Hall April 21.

After a follow up, police

officers on scene discovered several other vehicles were entered.

Investigation led to the discovery that all vehicles entered were unlocked.

Students are encouraged by the UWOPD to ensure their cars are locked before leaving the parking lot due to

increased activity on campus in the evening hours with the weather warming up.

Steps students can take to prevent this from happening to them are always locking their vehicle, removing valuables or keeping them out of sight and reporting suspicious behavior promptly.

To report suspicious behavior seen, you can contact the UWOPD at (920) 231-1212.

Further, if you have information that is beneficial to the investigation and wish to remain anonymous, contact the Winnebago Crime Stoppers at (920) 231-8477 or OPD at (920) 236-5700.



Courtesy of Discover Oshkosh
The Oshkosh Convention Center, which is attached to the Marriot Waterfront Hotel. It will be the location of the upcoming Oshkosh Card Show on April 26.

Oshkosh Card Show to bring over 140 vendors

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Sports and Pokemon cards are set to dominate the Oshkosh Card Show and provide attendees with nostalgic memories while they create new ones April 26.

“The selection is going to be very large,” Nic Wienandt, the Oshkosh Card Show organizer and owner of Cardshop Legacy said. “If you don’t find something that you’re looking for, it’s because whatever you’re looking for is incredibly hard to find.”

With 140 vendor tables stretched across 15,000 square feet in the Oshkosh Convention Center, collectors from across the Fox Valley can find sports cards dating back to the 1940s, along with Pokemon cards, trading card games and memorabilia from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The convention center offers free parking for visitors to coincide with the event’s free admission and to stay energized while roaming the many tables of cards and memorabilia, food and beverage will be available for purchase.

Wienandt said that in previous years people have purchased the show’s \$20 exclusive VIP pass just to use the early access to search for Michael Jordan cards and will be out the door before general admission even starts.

Like many card shows, attendees will have the opportunity to sell their cards, which Wienandt said creates an economic loop within the city of Oshkosh.

“If I bring these people money, then some of those people will come right in here (to Cardboard Legacy) and spend it,” he

said. “...It’s good for the city, it’s good for the collectors, it’s good for us, for my employees. It’s a win, win, win.”

In previous years, Wienandt recalls when a vendor didn’t want to man their own table anymore and the two came to an agreement where he’d end up running the table the rest of the show.

Community members and customers encouraged Wienandt to host a show but many partnerships fell through until eventually he and the Herd success-

fully hosted their first show together Jan. 13, 2024.

After those failed attempts, to finally host a successful show was a proud moment for Wienandt, but he said there wasn’t much time to bask in the glory.

“Unfortunately this industry moves fast enough that you can’t enjoy it for too long,” he said. “So you smile, and you accept that you’ve done something well, but then it’s back to the constant cycle of improvement.”

Gas leak leads to evacuation near A&C building

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Two students evacuated with no injuries after a gas leak occurred at their house on Jefferson Street last Thursday.

The leak occurred around noon, with Oshkosh area police and fire on the scene not long after.

One of their next-door neighbors, who asked to remain anonymous, was the one who called 911.

“I heard a boom followed by what sounded like water,” they said. “Then I called the police.”

Soon after the call, the neighbor left their home as well, but not due to their safety.

“I didn’t know them,” the neighbor said. “But I went over to check on them and stayed for 30 minutes while the fire department was here.”

After the fire department and police left the scene, someone was working on piping on the lawn of the house to fix the issue.

The leak is the first near the university campus since the gas leak between Cherry Street and West Lincoln Avenue in 2023.

The cause and confirmation of the leak is still unknown, and the Oshkosh Fire Department has yet to release a statement.

The students renting the house declined to comment.



Courtesy of UWO
The Arts and Coummunications building, which is near where the gas leak happened on Jefferson Street.

Alumni visit Titan Film Society

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Oshkosh graduates from the Radio TV Film discipline returned to talk with students at a Titan Film Society-hosted event on Saturday.

The Titan Film Society is a student-run organization that is dedicated to every part of film, including viewing, critiquing and even producing films.

The graduates talked with students about their careers post-graduation, as well as provided advice about how to navigate life after Oshkosh.

Jolee Mallmann, a 2019 graduate who works for Milwaukee Film Inc., knows all about the pressure related to finding a job in the media field.

“The hardest thing for me was finding a job right away,” Mallmann said. “But if you really love filmmaking, you don’t have to make it your job and can do it on the side.”

Alex Belville, a 2017 graduate and the owner of Mirrorless Productions, does love filmmaking, but had to work his way up to his dream of being his own boss.

“I did cheaper stuff to get experience and slowly build my skills,” Belville said. “But the biggest thing is not being afraid to reach out to people.”

Derek Pfister, a 2015 graduate and founder of Chair on Stair productions, built his skills through an avenue he had no interest in: news.

“I got an internship for credit at WISN-12 in Milwaukee,” Pfis-

ter said. “Then three months after graduation, I was hired by CBS-58 in Milwaukee.”

In regards to contacting people in the industry, Mallmann said there is a preferred method.

“Email is the best,” Mallmann said. “Finding their business page on Instagram is also very good.”

Adam Krause, a 2007 graduate and creator of an international feature film, made the mistake of calling.

“I once contacted a producer by looking up their phone number through a records site,” Krause said. “They did not appreciate it.”

The Titan Film Society meets in room S147 in the Arts and Communication Center at 5:15 p.m. on Thursdays.

Fire at Taco Bell

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The Taco Bell at 1140 South Koeller St. in Oshkosh will remain closed until further notice after a fire damaged the interior of the restaurant on April 20.

At 3:55 p.m., the Oshkosh Fire Department was dispatched to the restaurant following reports of smoke billowing from the room.

OFD Fire Marshal Jack Clark said in a press release that all employees were safely evacuated before first responders arrived at the scene and no injuries were reported.

“Upon arrival, crews confirmed an active fire in the attic and quickly initiated an aggressive interior and roof operation to contain the blaze,” Clark said. “Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control within 15 minutes, preventing further extension into the main dining and kitchen areas.”

According to OFD, a preliminary investigation indicated that the fire was confined to the attic, but smoke and water damage affected portions of the restaurant interior. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.



Courtesy of UWO Flickr
Wendell Rey poses with his predecessor, Randall Davidson.



Courtesy of UWO Flickr
The campus radio station 90.3 WRST celebrates its 60th anniversary with a birthday cake.

90.3 WRST celebrates 60th

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UW-Oshkosh’s student-run radio station, 90.3 WRST-FM, celebrated the 60th anniversary of its first broadcast on April 20 with a special broadcast and a birthday party at the station on the fourth floor of the Arts and Communication Center on campus.

WRST-FM Production Director Brianna Hone said that it was an honor to be a part of the station’s 60th birthday celebrations.

“It’s amazing to have been a part of one of the only student-run radio stations in Wisconsin,” Hone said. “WRST gives students valuable hands-on experience of what it’s like to work at a radio station and it’s been a huge part of my college experience these last four years.”

UWO faculty, staff, students and alumni were invited to attend

the celebration, which featured tours of the station and cake.

Alumni were also encouraged to record their favorite WRST-FM memories, either in the studio or over the phone, which were featured on the station’s 60th anniversary special at 6 p.m.

Andrew Haze, a music host on 100.1 WIXX-FM and UWO alumnus, said that WRST-FM has given real world radio experience to thousands of students over its 60-year history.

“Support from the Universities of Wisconsin Board of Regents has kept WRST student-run and operated, whereas many college radio stations are sold or can’t afford to continue operating,” Haze said. “But mostly, the incredible faculty in the UW-Oshkosh Radio TV Film department continue to educate and support students in the program.”

Robert “Doc” Snyder was hired

by the university in 1964 to start a broadcast media program and founded both WRST-FM and Titan TV. The Radio Station of the Titans first hit the airwaves on April 20, 1966, by playing The Mamas & the Papas hit “Monday, Monday” at 6 p.m. on 88.1 FM.

Originally, the station aired content for just four hours each weeknight at its original broadcast studio at the former Fuller Goodman Lumber Company on Blackhawk Avenue, with an antenna located on the roof of the Gruenhagen Conference Center.

In 1971, the studios and antenna were moved to their current location at the Arts and Communication Center. Two years later, WRST’s signal strength increased from 10 to 960 watts and the station changed its frequency to 90.3 FM.

WRST became a Wisconsin Public Radio affiliate in 1992

and currently airs WPR content from midnight to 1 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and all day on Sunday. Students produce their own shows for the remaining 11 hours of the day and air music, news and sports broadcasts.

The station remains one of the only places in the Fox Valley to air jazz in the afternoon in honor of Snyder, a jazz enthusiast.

The station has garnered state and national awards from its student productions, earning seven Wisconsin Broadcasters Association Student Forum awards in February.

Haze, a former station manager of WRST, said that the station has an advantage over other college stations because students have the ability to broadcast UW-Oshkosh athletic events.

“Because UWO is a Division III school, major broadcasting organizations like ESPN and iHeart are

not involved, allowing students to fully produce and broadcast sports games,” Haze said. “This provides the real-world, in the field experience necessary for a future broadcasting career.”

Haze said that WRST’s mission statement of being a service to the community aligns what radio stations are supposed to do.

“The actively-practiced mission statement helped instill in me, and many students before and after me, a true understanding of the importance and responsibilities of being a broadcaster,” Haze said. “The experience and education I received participating in 90.3 WRST-FM prepared me for my current career as a full-time radio host. I believe I would not have found the success I have without my time at the station. WRST prepares all students with the tools they need to achieve success in front of a real audience.”

Culture Fair at Dr. Boyland Hall

Anthropology students organize Expressive Culture Fair

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Expressive Culture Fair, organized by UW-Oshkosh students, is taking place May 5, from 3-6 p.m. at Dr. Boyland Hall.

The Anthropology 342: Expressive Culture class, led by Doctor Heidi Nicholls, decided to create this event for its final project, to showcase UWO’s expressive culture through student-led engagement.

“I guess when a lot of people will think of a cultural fair, they think of an international, multi-ethnic cultural fair and what we did in our design or the route we went, was to make it more of a student belonging,” Lucas Carpenter, one of the 25 students involved in organizing this event, said.

According to Carpenter, the class hasn’t been taught for several years and even though there was a design laid out from previous years, the professor prompted the students to create something from their imagination.

“We could have done anything we wanted and we chose to do an event,” Carpenter said.

The Culture Fair is mainly targeted towards students and staff, but alumni, community members and anyone connected to the campus or Oshkosh area, is welcomed to show their interests or grab a refreshment and enjoy the atmosphere, according to Carpenter.

“I really want to get the staff involved, not only professors, but custodial staff, the grounds crew,” Carpenter said.

The event’s entertainment will be found in and mostly around the house. The front yard will have bubbles blowing with a long canvas banner, supplied with brushes and paint.

The back of the yard will have an elevated stage for theatrical performances, poetry and some comedians.

Next to the stage is a volleyball court, where the Oshkosh West High School coach and the men’s volleyball program players are invited to play.

Participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and spread out around the hall.

“I’d like to get some skateboarders, scooters, some BMX bike people, kind of just go all around,” Carpenter said.

Downstairs will be the only open part of the house, serving as a mini gallery with tables to showcase student creations, as well as another smaller canvas.

“Students can feel free to bring in their finished artworks, paintings, drawings, photographs, ceramic things, anything,” Carpenter said.

The kitchen inside will hold refreshments and small snacks, while being mindful about sustainable single-use items.

“A lot of the students that are a part of this, are really involved in, especially on campus, the environmentalist groups, so I’m going to implement some of their passions,” Carpenter said.

Carpenter said this event is partnering with the anthropology club and the inter-tribal student council to minimize the



Courtesy of UWO
Dr. Boyland University Hall is located at 751 Algoma Blvd.

costs. Most of the event will be funded by the organizing students, since there is no allocated funding for events or initiatives organized by students.

Dr. Boyland Hall will also be hosting the Boyland Hall Love Music Benefit Show on April 29 organized by Uri Weber. Students can enjoy punk genre

music from 3-8 p.m.

“We want to create an atmosphere that has different regions within it and I mean that more of like an atmospheric region, the experience of being there,” Carpenter said. “Your mood might be different where you are during the event.”

Softball pitching staff builds sucess

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While the UW-Oshkosh softball team is currently enjoying another solid season, the pitching staff which has been a strength in the team’s past two seasons is once again showing out.

The Titans pitching staff currently is sporting the second-best ERA in the WIAC with a 1.73.

If the team could top the ERA leader in UW-Stevens Point, it would be the third straight season that the Titans finished atop the WIAC in ERA (first in 2024 and 2025).

Head coach Scott Beyer said that a strong pitching staff is necessary to have success on the field.

“Our pitching staff is the backbone to any quality team we have had,” Beyer said. “We look for the best pitchers available when recruiting, but also want to bring in different styles of pitching, so if one thing isn’t working, we have the capability to bring in something different to the opposition.”

This season’s pitching staff is highlighted by the trio of freshman Kiran Sanford, junior Brianna Bougie and sophomore Grace Nardi.

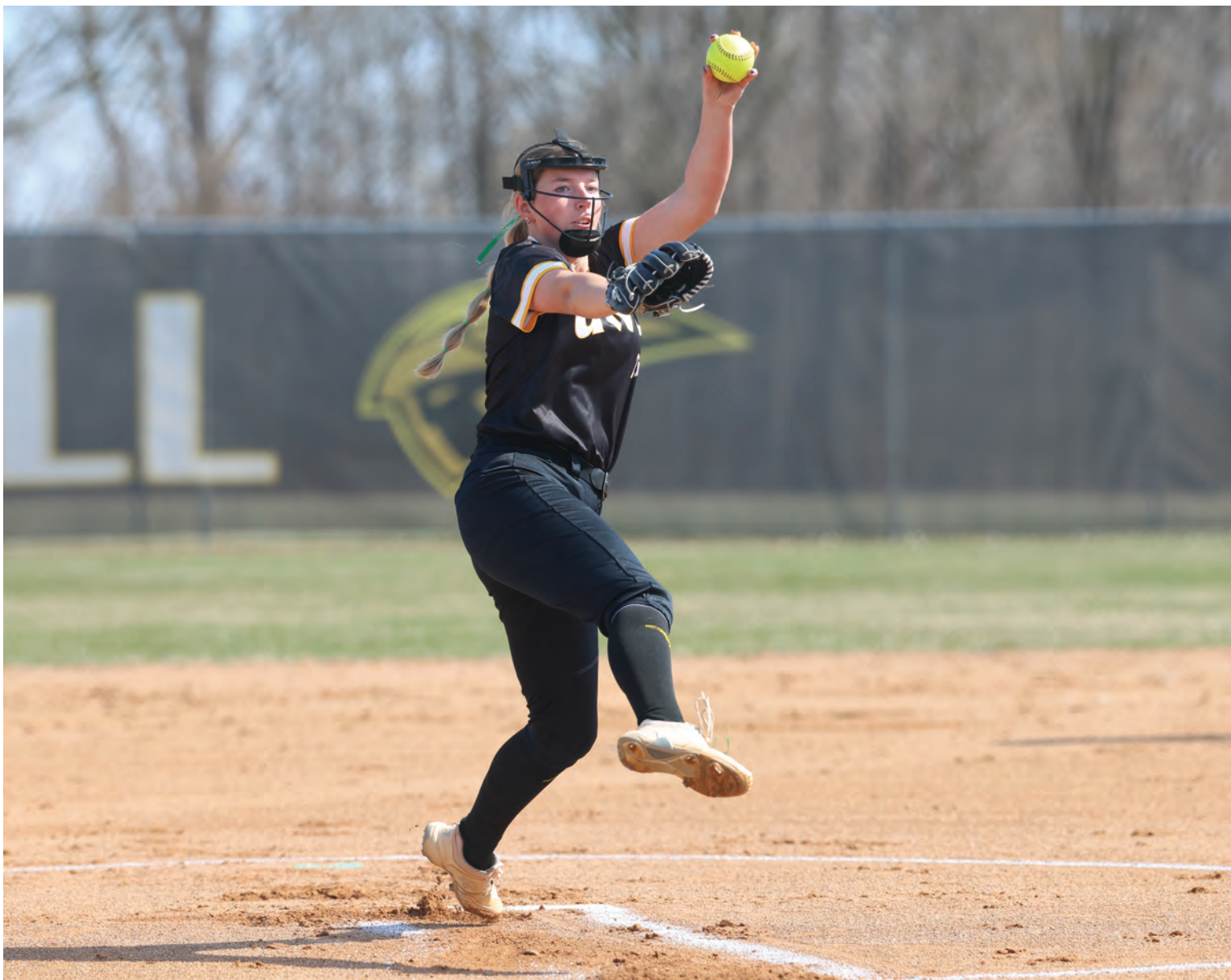
Sanford leads the team with a 1.36 ERA while Bougie sports a 1.85 ERA making it the third straight season she has a top-two team ERA (first in 2024 and 2025).

Nardi, despite having the worst ERA of the three pitchers, owns a 2.38 mark.

Sanford believes that the staff has a job to execute and make sure that they put the team in a spot to succeed offensively and defensively.

“I think execution is the key to the game in all aspects,” she said. “As a team we’ve talked about consistency a bit, so I think finding the middle ground between our highs and lows and building up from there will help us be even more solid than we already are. We’ve done a good job at executing pitches and letting our defense work behind us.”

Sanford, who was an all-state



Courtesy of Steve Frommell / UWO Athletics

UWO’s Kiran Sanford pitches in the game against Lakeland University on April 8. Sanford has the team-low 1.85 ERA so far in 2026.

first-team honoree coming into college, is leading almost every pitching stat on the team. She credits her teammates on the staff for getting her accustomed to the challenge of college softball.

“I turn to [Skyler Calmes] for lots of my questions regarding the mental side of the game,” she said. “She’s someone I’ve looked up to even before college so being able to learn from not only her, but [Bougie] and [Nardi] too is great.

They have been such great teammates and we all work really well together.”

Even with Sanford’s dominant start to her career, Bougie and Nardi’s seasons can’t be undermined and coach Beyer knows that.

“All of our pitchers make me feel like we will win when they are in the circle,” Beyer said. “It is a luxury to have that trust in not only [Sanford], but our staff as a whole.”

With Bougie and Nardi’s experience,

both have a role where they either start or come in for relief and it is something that Beyer is impressed with on how they handle their roles.

“We have asked [Nardi] and [Bougie] to do both and they have responded with great attitudes,” he said. “They both have their own strengths and preferences when it comes to starting or relieving, but it’s important when our tournament time comes that all pitchers

have had experience doing both and they know that is what’s best for the team.”

A strength to the staff is the way they are able to respond to adversity that happens.

“It’s a big part of softball, even a bigger part of pitching,” Beyer said. “We practice a certain way and normalize failing, so when it happens in a game, we are able to breathe and move on quickly.”

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Jack McKellips stands in the batters box and awaits a pitch during UWO's game against UW-Stevens Point at Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School on April 5.

Baseball lose road series to UW-River Falls

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UW-Oshkosh (11-18, 7-11 WIAC) lost three out of four games against UW-River Falls (17-12, 10-8 WIAC) on April 18 and 19 on the road at First National Bank of River Falls Field.

The Titans took the first game 5-4 behind a 12-hit effort from the offense. Trevor Morris doubled in the top of the first to score Logan Schill. Morris would score on an error after Brenden Max hit the ball to third with two outs. In the second inning, Cullen Kirchberg doubled to right-center, scoring on an Owen Housinger single up the middle to make it 2-0.

After allowing two runs to River Falls in the fifth, Oshkosh matched them in the top of the seventh. Housinger doubled, Logan Schill grounded out, which allowed Housinger to advance to third, Morris walked, Bryaydon Skenandore singled in Housinger. Aaron

Davis walked with two outs, and Danny Connelly got hit by a pitch, allowing Morris to score. Oshkosh pitching allowed two runs in the bottom of the frame, but that would end the scoring, allowing UWO to prevail.

Brett Gaynor took the bump, going six deep, allowing three hits, two unearned runs, eight strikeouts, and two walks to collect his second win of the season. Colton Kachinsky allowed two earned runs without recording an out, and Ethan Wick also didn't record an out. Ben Beuhring came into the game and recorded a three-inning save. He dominated with five punchouts and allowed no hits, runs or walks.

The second game of the double-header ended with Oshkosh being mercy-ruled 18-8 in seven innings, never able to recover after allowing 15 runs after three innings.

Josh Jansen took his fifth loss of the season, after going one and a third innings, allowing six runs, four of them were earned, on four

hits, two strikeouts and three walks. Weston Poth came in and recorded one out, allowing three earned runs on three hits, one walk, and one strikeout. Joe Rochardson got two outs, but not before allowing four runs, three of them earned, on three hits with no walks and one strikeout.

Michael Hughe, Parker Thompson and Levi Fey finished the game, allowing five runs in four innings. The defense's making three errors allowed the first few innings to snowball out of hand.

Offensively, the Titans put up 11 hits, highlighted by three home runs. Housinger's and Gavin Persson's were solo shots, while Jack McKellips hit a two-run dinger that scored Ben Volpe. In the seventh, the Titans hit three doubles to score four runs in an attempted comeback. David Wicks doubled in Cash Kaczmarek, Volpe doubled in Wick and Tim Witchger, then McKellips doubled in Volpe.

On Sunday the Titans lost the noon game convincingly by a final

score of 8-2. Oshkosh gave up three runs early, but the nail in the coffin was the seventh inning, which plated four River Fall batters.

UWO scored two runs in the top of the eighth, Morris and Skenandore got hit by pitches, Max single to the center field scored Morris and Kirchberg fielder choice allowed Skenandore to score. Oshkosh had six hits led by Schill who had two, Skenandore, Max, Davis and Kirchberg each had one a piece.

Connor Walters took the lose providing six innings, six hits, seven runs, six of them earned, walking two, and striking out seven. Benke Hencke went two innings, allowed three hits, one earned run, walked one, and struckout four. The Titans made two costly errors, most notably a Davis fielding error in the eight with two outs that allowed a run to score.

The Titans get swept by River Falls on the day after losing eight-to-four in the afternoon game. Oshkosh fell in a three run hole in the

fourth inning, but UWO responded in the fifth. Davis, Kirchberg and Connelly loaded the bases with three straight singles, scoring one run on a Persson walk.

The following inning Morris and Skenandore singled, Max sac-bunt moved the runners over, Morris scored on a balk, Davis walked, then Kirchberg sac-bunt scored Skenandore to tie the game. The Titans gave up five runs in the seventh inning that put the game out of reach. The scoring ended when Oshkosh's Connelly hit a sac-fly to score Max.

Baris Brua pitched six inning, allowed three hits, seven runs, four of them earned, walked three and struck out two. Ryan Richter finished the game allowing two hits, one unearned run, walking one, striking out none.

Oshkosh played a doubleheader against UW-Whitewater starting on Wednesday, April 22 at Tiedemann Field at Alumni Stadium. The score of the game can be found online.

UWO baseball alum signs contract with Explorers

By Katie Lechton
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The pen has been put to paper for LJ Waco, as the former UW-Oshkosh baseball pitcher signed a professional contract with the Sioux City Explorers in the American Association of Professional Baseball on April 14.

"Playing professional baseball fulfills a lifetime dream of playing at the highest levels," Waco said. "Internally it validates all the hard work that I put into junior high, high school and college baseball."

The 2024 graduate was a two-time All-WIAC First Team and WIAC Pitcher of the Week selection, posting a career record of 11-4 for the Titans, appearing in 38 games and starting in 17. Waco held a 3.03 ERA in his career, earning 191 strikeouts and allowing 49 earned runs on 121 hits and 53 walks across 145.1 innings.

Following his sophomore campaign, Waco played for the Green Bay Rockers, a summer collegiate baseball team within the Northwoods League. In two appearances, Waco pitched 1 1/3 innings, acquiring a 13.5 ERA with two earned runs on three hits, striking out one and giving up a trio of walks.

"Every time he stepped on the mound, the team knew that we had a great chance of walking off the field with a win," UWO head coach Kevin Tomasiewicz said. "His determination and work ethic to be the best pitcher he can be is unmatched. I am confident that he will be a very successful professional pitcher."

The Cary, Illinois, native, didn't realize that professional baseball could be a reality for him until after receiving his degree.

"After I graduated, I started in the professional world as a strength

and conditioning coach," Waco said. "During that time, I continued to stay fresh to have fun rather than preparing for a season. This winter I got that competitive itch back and wanted to see what I could do, so I started preparing for a hypothetical season."

Waco said that the calls started after a trip to Bloomington, Illinois, to get experience with professional batters.

"A month ago, I went to K's Training Academy down in Bloomington to throw to some professional hitters just to see where I was at and hit a lifetime best of 96 miles per hour off the mound," Waco said. "I was shocked and started receiving calls to talk about a professional opportunity. It was surreal and I decided there was no better time to try it than now."

Waco is the 22nd player signed by the Explorers as they prepare for their upcoming season in the



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

LJ Waco throws a pitch in a game at Tiedemann Field during UWO's 2024 season.

American Association. This edition of the AAPB, formed in 2005, is a partner league of Major

League Baseball, with the competition being comparable to Minor League Baseball's High-A level.



Scoreboard

Thursday, April 16

Softball
UWO - 5
UW-La Crosse - 0

Saturday, April 17

Baseball
UWO - 5
UW-River Falls - 4

UW-River Falls - 18
UWO - 8

Women’s Flag Football
Bryant & Stratton College - 34
UWO - 6

Sunday, April 19

Baseball
UW-River Falls - 8
UWO - 2

UW-River Falls - 8
UWO - 4

Tuesday, April 21

Women’s Tennis
UW-Eau Claire - 4
UWO - 0 (WIAC Tournament)

Softball
UWO - 5
UW-Whitewater - 2

UWO - 5
UW-Whitewater - 2

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 23

Men’s Track and Field
at Drake University (Iowa)
Women’s Track and Field
at Drake University (Iowa)

Friday, April 24

Men’s Track and Field
at Drake University (Iowa)
Women’s Track and Field
at Drake University (Iowa)
Women’s Flag Football
at Aurora University (Illinois) at 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 25

Men’s Track and Field
at Drake University (Iowa)
at St. Norbert College at 10:30 a.m.
Women’s Track and Field
at Drake University (Iowa)
at St. Norbert College at 10:30 a.m.
Baseball
vs UW-Stout at noon
vs UW-Stout at 3 p.m.
Softball
vs UW-Stout at 1 p.m.
vs UW-Stout at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26

Women’s Golf
at UW-La Crosse at 11 a.m.
Baseball
vs UW-Stout at noon
vs UW-Stout at 3 p.m.
Softball
vs UW-River Falls at noon
vs UW-River Falls at 2 p.m.

A-Trivia

When was the last time the UWO baseball team beat UW-Whitewater at home?

Answer: 2015



Courtesy of Steve Frommell / UWO Athletics

UWO’s Brianna Bougie is ready to throw a pitch for the Titans against Lakeland University on April 8.

Pitchers: softball’s specialists step up

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An example of that trust that Beyer has in his pitchers came in the two games against Illinois Wesleyan University on March 28 and 29.

In the first game against IWU, Bougie was trying to close out the game with a 4-3 lead but in the final inning, two singles and a walk loaded the bases and led to a walkoff grand slam for Illinois Wesleyan.

The following day when the

two teams played again, Bougie started that game and pitched a complete game shutout in UWO’s 1-0 win over IWU.

“When I asked [Bougie] about pitching against Illinois Wesleyan again [on March 29], she said ‘its just a homerun, no big deal’ and then proceeded to shut them out,” Beyer said. “That type of attitude and grit is what we try to practice on a daily basis, and seeing it show up like that proves something to all of us.”

Beyer knows that even though the team could still improve with few games left, the pitching gives the offense time to get it going.

“We still haven’t played our best game yet, but with our pitching staff, we know we will always be in any game and gives us time to get the offense rolling,” he said.

The pitching staff will have a challenge coming up as UWO has a busy week ahead with a doubleheader against

UW-Whitewater on April 21, followed by the rescheduled doubleheader against Marian University the next day (April 22).

Then on the weekend, the Titans will come back to Mary Beth Nienhaus Softball Complex for a doubleheader against UW-Stout on April 25. They will compete in another doubleheader vs UW-River Falls which was originally scheduled to have taken place on April 18 but postponed due to weather.



Courtesy of Terri Cole / UWO Athletics

Mary Kate Quaid is greeted by teammates at home plate after hitting a home run for the Titans on April 17.

Titans win before weather suspension

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The No. 16-ranked UW-Oshkosh softball team (19-5-1, 2-1 WIAC) was able to win the first game of a doubleheader against UW-La Crosse (16-10, 1-2 WIAC), while rain suspended the second game at the UWO Rec Plex Field on April 17.

The Titans cruised to a 5-0 win behind a nine-hit attack and a dominant Kiran Sanford’s complete-game shutout.

UWO scored two runs in the second inning, starting with a Sarah Hammerton double down the line to score Mary Kate Quaid. Haylie Wittman immediately scored Hammerton on a single. Brianne Lopez got a one-out single in the third, Emma Bohn sac-bunt moved her to third, and Olivia Ullman got a massive two-out double that scored Lopez. Oshkosh scored a run with more small ball in the fifth when pinch-hitter Skyler Calmes singled to left field, and Olivia Bagniet pinch-ran for Calmes. Lopez sin-

gled on a sac-bunt to the pitcher, moving Bagniet to third, where Bohn hit a sac-fly to score her. Quaid blasted a home run to left field in the sixth to end the scoring.

Three players had multiple-hit days for the Titans: Lopez, Quaid, and Hammerton all collected two hits, while Ullman and Calmes each picked up a knock. Sanford picked up her 11th win after going seven innings, allowing only two hits, striking out eight, and walking none.

In the second game, the Titans

were down 4-0, and the Eagles had runners on first and second before the game was suspended in the second inning.

The game will be made up on a later date, which is still undecided.

The double header against UW-River Falls on April 18 has been postponed and the double header will be played on April 26.

On Tuesday the Titans defeated the UW-Whitewater Warhawks in a doubleheader.

The Titans won both games to a score of 5-2.



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IN-THE-920

Your College Sex Guru.

Getting out of the game

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. Breaking up with someone is always awkward, whether you love them or not. However, sometimes it's better to just end the relationship than hold onto something that isn't even real.

So I couldn't help but wonder, how many people are getting dumped currently, and in what ways are we dumping? I give you the two best ways to break up with someone.

1. In person conversation

This method is the most awkward, but the most respectful and gives the most closure. The way to go about it is to send the: "We need to talk text." This allows them to have a sense of what's happening. Once you send that text, pick your location, and you should drive separately if possible. Driving separately is most beneficial because then you can leave the situation at any point, if needed.

I recommend going to a park, because it's most private, and the scenery can be relaxing. Once you're there, sit on a bench, rather than the other person's car because walking back to yours would be awkward. Then, you ease into it.

2. A phone call

I've used this method in the past, and let me say, it is a little strange but it gets the job

done. A phone call is ultimately better than a text message. This way, the person can hear your voice, and perceive your message the way you want it to be perceived.

If you're really nervous to meet in person, a phone call can calm the nerves. Although it isn't the best method, a friend can be there in secret to help you through it all. I would recommend writing a script and reading it off, and just doing that. Allow them to talk, and ask questions, but don't let them try to drag you back into it.

My list is small, but that's for a reason. With that in mind, my question has been answered, people are constantly getting broken up with but in bad ways. I believe that a break is just a prequel to a break up. Breaks just make me think that you should end the relationship, because you're in this break for a reason. If your relationship is bad enough to go on a break, why are you still in it, and stressing over it? I also think the classic text break up is so petty. Hello, lazy.

While you can write up a good message, this is just a cowardly move to do. Don't get me started on cheating, rather than breaking up. That's a column for another day. Remember, breaking up with someone is always hard, but communication is important, so listen before you act on the decision. Always remember to trust yourself, and your decision making skills. If you're feeling like you want to break up with someone, there's a reason.

Euphoria Review

Was Euphoria Season 3 worth the 4-year wait?

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When I first watched the first two seasons of "Euphoria" as a high schooler, I was mesmerized by the cinematography and music. It was nothing like I had seen before from a TV show about high school.

But with four years in between the finale of Season 2 and the premiere of Season 3, there were major controversies surrounding the show and cast.

For one, Petra Collins, a photographer and director, came forward stating that Sam Levinson, the creator of "Euphoria," stole her work when he offered her a position to work with the show. Then he fired her after she gave him the cinematography ideas.

Along with that, one of the leads, Sydney Sweeney, has gone through major scandals the last couple years. Most recently for being in a jean ad that had an underlying connotation of supporting eugenics. The composer of the soundtrack for the show that made the first two seasons so unique, Labrinth, left on terrible terms with Levinson about a week before the Season 3 premiere.

The cast, crew and fans also suffered massive heartbreak as two lead actors, Angus Cloud and Eric Dane passed away before the Season 3 premiere.

So when Season 3 was announced to premiere, I wanted to protest watching it because of the immorality surrounding the show's production, but I couldn't resist watching how the show would conclude such an epic story.

The first scene of the pilot seems like a complete switch of genre as you see a western like music and desert setting. This is a huge contrast to the blue and purple ethereal that was pivotal in the first two seasons.

Although I'm not mad at the change in cinematography, it feels very disconnected to the rest of the story due to it being such a huge change.

Outside of the cinematography, the show feels like aestheticized-slop. It feels so slow yet so shockingly gross.

With long grueling scenes where you have to watch Zendaya's character, Rue Bennett, forcibly choke down a massive bowl of fentanyl balloons that she inevitably has to pass through the Mexican border.

Then the show will switch to Sweeney's character, Cassie Howard, trying to convince Jacob Elordi's character, Nate Jacobs, to let her do OnlyFans in order to pay for \$50,000 flowers for their wedding, even though the two of them are living in a giant mansion with maids and cybertrucks.

With promos about upcoming episodes showing Cassie dressing up as a fetishized baby, it feels like the marketing team is more focused on getting the public to hate-watch the new season than to actually have a TV show that can comment on today's society effectively in order to provoke discussion.

Overall, "Euphoria" seems as though it's trying its best to stay relevant after such a long integral between seasons, and it makes Levinson look creepy and gross for creating these storylines that don't seem to have strong reasoning for why it needs to be done.

Letter to the Editor

Allowing NIL deals exposed a once hidden labor market

By Nikko Norwind-Caraballo

Dear Editor,

Many people watch sports, both collegiate and professional. With such a high viewership of college, for a long time it was argued that college athletes should be paid.

As of July 1, 2021, NIL Deals, or deals made with college athletes allowing their name, image and likeness to be featured in advertising and merchandising, were made legal after years of dispute.

For decades before this, colleges were turning profits off of the athletes without them seeing a penny of the marketing done with their name.

With these deals being made legal, athletes are now able to enter into contracts with different brands that they wanted to be partnered with. Not only

does this finally allow student athletes to be paid for their performances, it also opens up a new market for the athletes, giving them the opportunity to "go where the money is" and attend the college that will allow them to be paid the most, as well as giving them crucial financial knowledge and assisting lower income athletes.

This paired with the transfer portal being opened in 2018 makes it much easier for athletes to go where they can take care of themselves and their families.

This does two massive things in the world of athletics and economics, it takes away monopoly power from the school of using athlete's names likeness and images for their own revenue, and it opens up a labor market, where the better an athlete is the more money they are likely to make from these deals,

which can help measure their performance.

By taking away the monopoly power from the schools the athletes get the right to monopolize their own branding with different companies.

The athletes are then therefore able to bargain with different companies about how much they believe they should be paid based on their skill set, similar to how an employee may bargain with a potential employer during the interviewing process.

By allowing this bargaining, the athlete is able to develop financial literacy. To actually engage in a deal with the company, athletes must undergo negotiation, and learn how to read contracts, which are both very important real world skills to have no matter if the athlete eventually goes on to the professional leagues, or goes into a

field of employment.

These abilities are crucial for athletes that do not go professional, especially if they go into a field of business, as they are then at an advantage when working with job contracts or business deals.

When talking with Erik Hansen, an ex-professional football player, he said that learning to sign contracts when he made it to the XFL was very confusing.

If the law allowing NIL had passed earlier, he, like many other athletes, would have been able to go about reading their contracts easier, which could have helped some of those that were taken advantage of avoid that situation entirely.

Finally, NIL deals are vital to athletes who come from low income backgrounds and are not given full ride scholarships.

These athletes may have at one time struggled with the cost

of housing, and food, so allowing these deals helps these athletes not only take care of themselves but also their families.

This also benefits the athletes by taking an enormous amount of stress off of them, as not only are they focusing on their education, but also their sport, while having the worry of paying for their school at the same time.

Overall, the introduction of NIL has greatly benefitted student athletes as it allows them to be paid for their skills and the entertainment they provide as they become their own brand, learn more about the world of finance, and are helped when they come from low-income backgrounds.

Sincerely,

Nikko Nordwind-Caraballo

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