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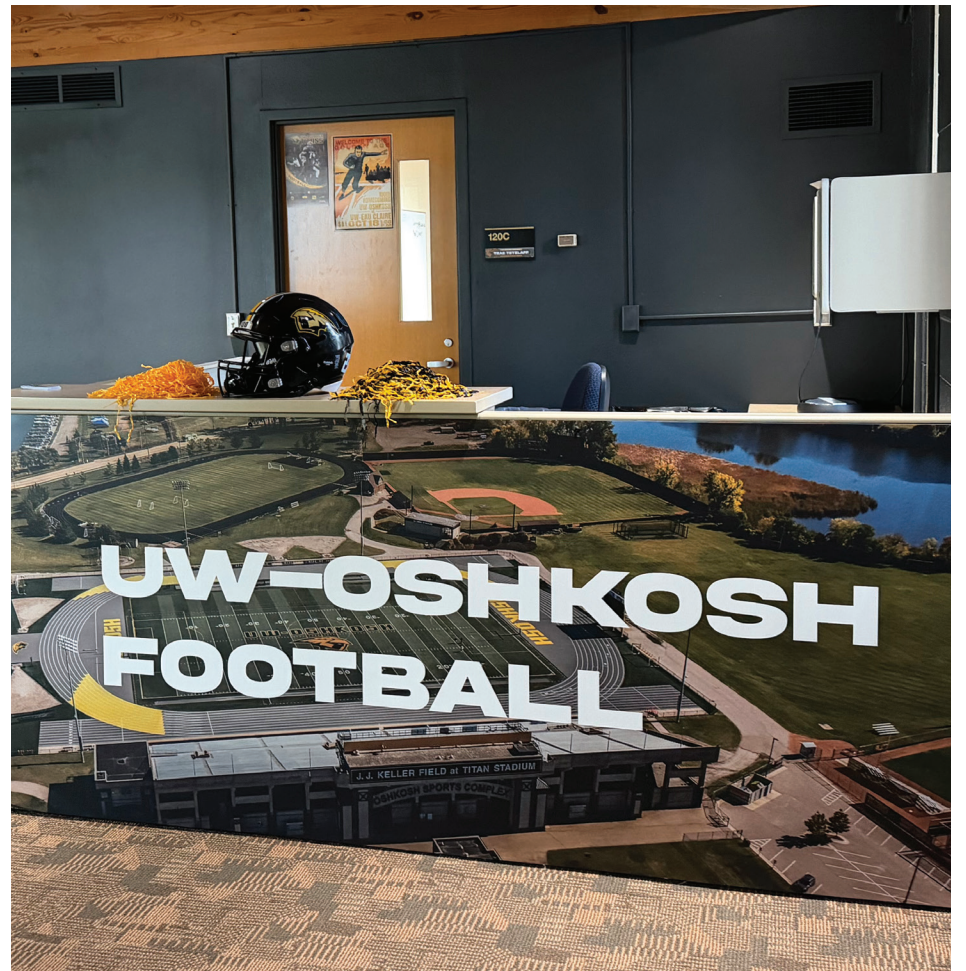
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The Campus Center for Equity and Diversity, which was put on the market, has been taken over by the UW-Oshkosh Athletic Department.

Athletics moves into DEI building

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The UW-Oshkosh football team has taken over the Campus Center for Equity and Diversity, which was put on the market in January 2025 but never sold.

By December 2025, the university's Chief of Staff Alex Hummel put out a statement to answer questions about the building's future, which confirmed that it had been occupied by the football team.

"UW-Oshkosh football has occupied a portion of space in the former UWO Center for Equity and Diversity, 717 West Irving St.," Hummel said. "This reuse requires little to no renovation and provides the coaching staff more room to support the program after a couple of seasons searching for additional program space beyond the Oshkosh Sports Complex."

Hummel's statement said that in 2024, UWO relocated the Center for Student Success and Belonging staff from the Center for Equity and Diversity to The Hub inside the Reeve Memorial Union.

"Not only has The Hub been a success, but UWO also completed renovations and reopened Dr. Boyland University Hall (the former Multicultural Education Center on Algoma Boulevard) this spring, and

it, too, has developed into a haven for students, faculty, staff, alumni and university guests," Hummel said.

Emails acquired through an open records request showed that the university began fielding questions about the former center in May of 2024.

WFRV-TV reporter Paul Steeno reached out to Hummel on May 14, 2024 and asked if the center would remain part of UWO or would be sold.

Hummel replied and told him that was not currently happening.

"It is not being sold, Paul," Hummel said. "Thanks for reaching out so we could clarify this."

Steeno wrote back asking if the DEI program would face any cuts.

Hummel said it would not.

"No cuts, Paul," Hummel said.

In an email thread acquired through an open records request, UWO football head coach Peter Jennings told Assistant Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics Darryl Sims and Deputy Director of Athletics Abby Gildernick, about his interest in the facility.

"I was able to walk around the old DEI building and do believe it would be a decent temporary option for our program and staff," Jennings said.

Jennings also asked about the

building's upcoming availability.

"Do you know the timeline of people moving out of the building?" Jennings said. "I would be somewhat worried about having other departments in a building with us during fall camp especially. The amount of foot traffic, etc. Would probably be disruptive to other groups."

Sims and Gildernick responded and said "we will find out, thx."

Jennings emailed Gildernick and Sims again to ask about the center's status, along with the Pollock House's, on Oct. 15, 2024.

"The contact I had regarding purchasing Pollock House and the DEI building told me today that Chadwick responded to his inquiry with 'we don't have any information on that yet' or something to that effect," Jennings said. "If the sell of these properties is imminent, why are they off the table as a temporary location for our staff?"

Sims replied and said that the Pollock House was available for sale and the buyer would need to relocate the property.

"The Newman Center will be on the market before the new year," Sims said.

Jennings replied to Sims on the same day.

"Thank you. I guess I am trying to make the point that if neither

of these buildings were going to be sold before the new year, why wouldn't they have been offered to our staff to use until the sale was finalized," Jennings said. "I am not trying to be difficult, but I am trying to understand the logic of some of the decision makers."

The Advance-Titan reported in February of 2025 that UWO enlisted the help of the Universities of Wisconsin to sell the Campus Center for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, now called the Center for Student Success and Belonging, building after moving its department into the Hub in Reeve Union.

It is unclear exactly when the football team began hosting their affairs in the center, but it was first acknowledged by the university in December 2025.

Emails acquired through an open records request revealed that an official statement was prompted by Fox 11 asking for an interview on Dec. 22, 2025.

Hummel emailed Brady Halverson, Corey Finkelmeyer, Kurt Leibold and Darryl Sims to tell them how to respond to any such requests.

"I am recommending we pass on interviews and provide a brief statement (Darryl and I have already discussed; he supports)," Hummel wrote.

As of writing, it has not been specified by the university whether this is a permanent occupation or not.

The Advance-Titan reached out to both Sims and Gildernick to clarify, but neither responded to a request for comment.

A staff member working in student support services provided comments to the Advance-Titan about the matter anonymously.

They said diversity-based efforts were not just consolidated to Reeve but eliminated almost entirely.

"Staff were either subject to layoffs or moved to non-diversity roles providing generalized programming to all students," they said. "We have been told that the elimination of these programs is outside of our control due to federal guidelines, but other Universities of Wisconsin schools such as Green Bay have been able to keep their diversity services and spaces."

The staff member said these events have been to the detriment of communities on campus.

"Students are seeking support in finding identity-based communities, especially in this political climate," they said. "Staff are not feeling supported in their own identities and are leaving to more LGBTQ+-affirming employers."

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DHS impostor attempts to scam student

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Bohdan Tataryn is a 22-year-old Ukrainian student at Lawrence University who is about to graduate in piano performance this June. Lawrence was the only institution he applied to in the country and they provided him with the scholarship to study, making him pursue this option back in August 2022.

“At first I didn’t even believe that it was actually happening, it seemed like a dream,” he said. “The first solid month here (in the U.S.), I was like, ‘oh my goodness, I can’t believe it. I am so far away and I might not even come home for God knows how long.’ But I was very hopeful that I would be able to come home the summer after my first year.”

It’s been three summers and counting since Tataryn has gone back home to Ukraine to see his family. However, everything could have changed on a February morning when he received a call that depicted a phone number from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Initially, Tataryn did not answer the phone because he was in class, thinking that someone dialed a wrong number or it was spam, but someone kept calling his phone. It was only after Tataryn’s class had finished that he decided to call back, when a person introduced themselves as a DHS officer, claiming that he failed to update a document regarding his stay in the U.S.

“I was really scared,” he said. “You know, they named all those details that only me and I should know. ... They knew my visa type ... when I entered the U.S. ... where I was from ... school I was attending.”

While talking to the DHS officer, Tataryn received a call that showed up as the Appleton Police Department (APD) because it was saved in his contacts, with a person stating that he was “under an investigation.”

“They gave me all their badge numbers and names, you

know, everything was legit,” Tataryn said.

Both callers provided Tataryn with two options on how to proceed with his “investigation.” The first one, to have it with the APD but he would be held in custody for up to three days, also intimidating him by saying that it would show up on his employment record.

The second option was to transfer \$1,250 at Kohl’s in Appleton, promising that if his “fraud” was not intentional, he would be returned the money.

“They asked me about my (activities), whether I have any cars or any real estate in the U.S.,” Tataryn said. “All types of weird details that, you know, didn’t make sense.”

An hour into the conversation, Tataryn noticed that one of the caller’s phone numbers did not match the previous ones, prompting him to ask about it.

“I was like, ‘what phone number did you just call me from?’” he said. “She was like, ‘what do you mean? From this one’ ... and she hung up and called me from the right number.”

Tataryn said that once he expressed that he will not be sending money, the caller began to use offensive language.

“She was like, ‘f--- you, you are wasting my time, b---,’” he said. “Two minutes later, another person called from the same number and she also started swearing at me.”

After Tataryn ended the call, he went to the APD to report the fraud, where he said he was told to be more cautious because such scams became more common.

John Ostermeier, public information officer and lieutenant of the community resource unit at the APD, said there is an increasing tendency of scammers spoofing phone numbers, but many instances remain underreported.

“I can speak just from knowing trends and I can assure you that there has been an increase (in spoofing) just because tech-

nology is very readily available to anyone to use,” he said. “In terms of specific numbers, that would be one that would have a very challenging time tracking ... because most people don’t report scams.”

According to the FBI’s Internet Crime Report, 191,561 spoofing and phishing complaints were recorded in 2025, resulting in documented losses of over \$200,000,000 that year.

Kate Mann, Oshkosh Police Department’s public information officer, said that spoofing is done to appear as a legitimate source by falsifying the caller identification on an incoming call.

“Spoofing refers to when a scammer deliberately changes the caller ID information that appears on a phone call to make it look like the call is coming from a trusted source such as a government agency, business, or a local phone number,” she said. “This tactic is used to make the call seem legitimate and possibly increase the chances that someone will answer and comply with the caller’s demands.”

Mann said the OPD have not received any reports about such a scam in Oshkosh.

According to Raiden Montero, international programs manager at UW-Oshkosh, the university currently has 90 international students who come mainly from China, South Korea, Nigeria, Pakistan and other places around the world.

Montero said that he has not seen any documented instances of international students being scammed by a government impersonator in the 2025-26 school year.

Montero said international students should be aware of common scams that can be recognized by warning signs, such as intimidation, money demand and more.

“Common scams that international students should be aware of include government impersonation scams that threaten visa revocation [or] deportation,

fake job offers, and housing scams,” Montero said. “Students can identify a scam by keeping an eye out for a few red flags in communications: emotional pressure, unusual payment requests, requests for sensitive information, and mismatched/suspicious contact details.”

Ostermeier said scammers are becoming more creative in their tactics to scam people.

“What I’ve seen over the years is that scammers get creative, and they always grab onto what the newest thing is,” he said. “The immigration scam, it’s probably happened before, but what’s been in the news? The immigration has been in the news.”

The DHS’s Study in the States website released a statement in February this year that scammers target foreign students by impersonating DHS officials, providing a general guideline to protect from frauds.

The DHS highlights that scammers may ask students for an Alien Registration Number or Form I-94, claim there is an issue with Student and Exchange Visitor Information System records, demand money and ask for bank or credit card details, promising to fix their immigration status.

The DHS stated that if students suspect a scam, they should end the call, contact their designated school official and report it to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Tip Line at 1-866-347-2423.

When the Advance-Titan called one of the phone numbers that reached out to Tataryn, a person put the call on hold for seven minutes, later introducing themselves as a legal department worker at ICE. A person directed the Advance-Titan to the agency’s media department.

The Advance-Titan emailed ICE Media regarding the situation and was referred to the ICE Office of Partnership and Engagement with no further communication as of the day the story was published.



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Manohar Singh was officially inaugurated as the 12th chancellor of UW-Oshkosh at a ceremony that was held in the Kolf Sports Center on Friday, April 24.

Singh inaugurated as UWO chancellor

By Jacob Link
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Manohar Singh was officially inaugurated as the 12th chancellor of UW-Oshkosh Friday afternoon at the Kolf Sports Center in front of state and local politicians, faculty members and students.

Sandy Yanez-Velasquez, the president of the Oshkosh Student Government, said that the entire student body is honored to welcome Singh to the chancellorship at UWO.

“Since his arrival on campus, his visibility and involvement have had a significant impact,” she said. “When students see their chancellor strolling around campus, attending events, and engaging in conversations, it affects how we, the students, feel about our presence here.”

Singh was unanimously selected by the Universities of Wisconsin Board of Regents on April 15, 2025.

Before being named interim president at Western Connecticut State in 2023, Singh was dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies at Southern Connecticut State University.

In his first year as chancellor, Singh re-introduced the men’s soccer program, traversed the state to ask alumni for donations for his “Singh Across Wisconsin” event and helped to introduce the “UWO Infinite” strategic plan that looks to redevelop the university’s identity.

At his inauguration, Singh invited local and state stakeholders such as U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman, Board of Regents President Amy Bogost and Os-

hkosh City Manager Rebecca Grill. He also had numerous special guests speak at the ceremony.

Dr. Ashok Rai, a member of the Universities of Wisconsin Board of Regents, said that with Singh at the helm, the university is poised to continue to be great.

“The opportunities are, as Chancellor Manohar Singh likes to say himself, infinite,” Rai said. “UW-Oshkosh and the people who make it what it is are responding to the most complex and urgent challenges facing Wisconsin and the world, sharing their knowledge, their expertise and their passion beyond the borders of this campus.”

Grill said that it was a momentous day for both the city and the university.

“UW-Oshkosh is a major part of who we are as a community,”

Grill said. “The university helps shape our workforce, strengthens our local economy, drives innovation, and creates opportunities that benefit students, families, businesses, and our entire region. The partnership between the university and the city is strong, and it continues to grow.”

During his inauguration speech, Singh said that his mission is to spread the gift of education so that students can find dignity and prosperity.

“They [UWO students] can go and make their parents, first generation parents, proud, safe, secure,” he said. “That continuity is what this installation is about. It’s the institution. I’m humbled by the trust that the Board of Regents and you all sitting in this room have placed in me.”

Yanez-Velasquez said that Singh has helped give voices to students and remind them that they are partners with the university in creating UWO’s future.

“Our campus community as a whole is strengthened by this accessibility, which builds trust in our leader,” Yanez-Velasquez said. “Chancellor Singh stepped into this role at a time when many were searching for reassurance and direction, and he has already started to create a more upbeat and optimistic atmosphere through his activities, one in which students are inspired to speak up, participate, and contribute to significant change. Today, we don’t just welcome a new Chancellor. We welcome a leader who has already begun to make a difference.”

UWO Model UN team wins 42 years in a row

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UW-Oshkosh’s Model United Nations (MUN) team visited New York City in the first week of April, to attend the National Model UN Conference (NMUN).

During their visit, they came home with four awards: two position paper awards, one peer award and the outstanding delegation award.

UWO’s MUN team has won an Outstanding Delegation award at the NMUN for 42 years in a row.

Elizabeth Tisler, current MUN president, said she’s grateful for winning.

“There is a lot of prep that is done throughout the year,” she said. “Winning means carrying on the legacy of tradition of excellence that started 40 years ago.”

Tisler said relief overcame her when she heard about the victory.

“I felt relief that I was able to help lead the team where all were

confident enough to win the Outstanding Delegation award,” Tisler said.

Tisler participated in the Commission on Narcotics and Drugs, alongside her teammate Claire Schiek.

Tisler said that it is important to hear different perspectives through topics within the conference.

“I have been able to connect with people from all over the United States, and the world,” Tisler said. “This [conference] has helped me be a better communicator and demonstrate what a good leader should be when working with people from all different backgrounds.”

With the MUN team being on campus for decades, Tisler said the importance of the team is within UWO history.

“Model UN is unique in that it is the only academic team on campus,” she said. “This allows for people to gain valuable expe-



Courtesy of UWO MUN team

UWO Model UN team stands at the UN headquarters in New York City for the award ceremony.

periences they can contribute to their personal and professional lives.”

Vladyslav Plyaka, vice president of the MUN team, said he is proud of his teammates.

“I am extremely happy to see my teammates and most importantly friends succeed at the national competition,” he said. “It is always great to see first-years and

returners enjoy the experience in NYC, especially when our work is recognized with awards.”

The MUN team hopes to continue its wins in the future.

UWO unveils Oshkosh Infinite

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After endorsement from the Academic and University Staff Senates, UW-Oshkosh has released its final draft of Oshkosh Infinite, a strategic plan scheduled to be in effect starting in fall 2026.

“Getting the plan endorsed by shared governance partners is a great sign of how engaged this campus has been throughout the process,” UWO Provost Ed Martini said. “We have maintained an aggressive timeline and have hit every milestone, keeping us on track for endorsement by the Universities of Wisconsin administration and the Board of Regents this summer.”

UWO has a vision of meeting the needs of 21st-century education by elevating and creating solutions that are sustainable through the strategic plan, which is inspired by the belief that education unlocks unlimited potential.

According to Oshkosh Infinite’s website, from 2026-29, UWO will focus on its four institutional priorities:

1. Fostering an inclusive, student-centered experience that drives learning, belonging and success.
2. Elevating the experience of employees and workforce capacity.
3. Advancing financial stewardship and operational excellence.
4. Amplifying the institution’s identity through academic excellence and community engagement.

Strategies used to meet the first goal of the four goals include, deepening campus belonging and community connection, improving retention efforts, onboarding efforts, providing consistent advising and instruction practices across all demographics, as well as broadening the access students have to experimental learning and career pathways.

The goal of elevating employee experience will be met by advancing develop-



Graphic by Zach Bellin

ment and leadership quality, optimizing planning and staff capacity, and improving employee engagement, feedback and retention.

Advancing financial stewardship and operational excellence will be addressed through the implementation of transparent financial and operational planning, advancing infrastructure stewardship and sustainability and using emerging technology responsibly.

One of the three strategies to meet UWO’s fourth priority of amplifying its identity through academic excellence and

community engagement is aligning curriculum, scholarly and creative activities to meet the needs of a wide-range of learners, drive regional development and provide solutions to the communities the school serves. The others are, making UWO a destination for community engagement, and driving enrollment through the alignment of the institution’s identity and its recruitment, partnership and communication strategies.

In the announcement of the final draft sent to the student body, Martini thanked faculty, staff, students and community

stakeholders for their efforts in the development of the plan, and said that each person’s effort was instrumental in shaping the plan that reflects shared priorities and aspirations for UWO.

While the final draft hasn’t been officially approved, Oshkosh Infinite remains on track for internal endorsements in the Spring, endorsement from the Board of Regents and Universities of Wisconsin leadership in the summer and a full launch in the fall 2026 semester. For more information about Oshkosh Infinite, visit uwosh.edu/strategicplan/.

AwardSpring takes over scholarship system

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The UW-Oshkosh financial aid office announced that its scholarship system AcademicWorks would be replaced by AwardSpring on April 21.

Students were notified of this change via email five days before the system closed on April 26.

During that time, students were told they could attain records of their scholarship information, including award letters and application statements, until the April 26 deadline.

UWO’s switch to the new scholarship system AwardSpring is expected to be completed by Sept. 9.

Students are now unable to view their scholarship information until the AwardSpring system is finalized, but UWO Scholarship Manager Beka Smith said most students looking to apply for scholarships will not be impacted.

“I don’t anticipate this change will have much of an impact on the application cycle for students — applications for the current scholarship cycle will be wrapped up prior to April 26,” Smith said. “The scholarship cycle typically opens the first week of classes in fall, and I anticipate the new system to be fully up and running by then.”



While most students will not have to apply for scholarships until the new system is up and running, Smith said those seeking an emergency scholarship application will have a temporary process to follow through UWO’s Financial Aid Office.

“The only application that is typically open over the summer is our emergency scholarship application,” Smith said. “We will be providing an alternative method for students to apply for that so that process isn’t interrupted.”

Smith said that she will remain available to assist students with questions about funding applications during this transition.

“If students have a need for emergency funding to help pay off their account balance, they can reach out to me directly, or

they can contact the Financial Aid Office or Student Accounts for more information on how to apply for funding,” Smith said.

Smith said she does not have information about the decision behind UWO’s switch from AcademicWorks to AwardSpring.

“The UW-Oshkosh Foundation holds the contract for the scholarship system and pays for it, so ultimately, it’s the Foundation’s decision which software system we use,” Smith said.

UWO has used the same scholarship system since the Foundation contracted AcademicWorks in April 2016 to simplify the application process and provide students with a comprehensive list of available scholarships.

AcademicWorks is an integrated system that uses student

records to help match them with potential scholarship opportunities.

AwardSpring utilizes similar student information systems to allow students to import information like their major, GPA, and class schedule into an application.

Micki Dirks-Luebbe, the UWO Foundation’s executive director, did not comment on the scholarship system change and directed inquiries to Andy Anaam, the executive director for university relations and communications.

Anaam said that many campus organizations collaborated to ensure AwardSpring was the right fit for UWO.

“The decision to move to a new scholarship system was made through a cross-campus committee that included En-

rollment Management, Financial Aid, Admissions, student success teams and the UWO Foundation,” Anaam said. “The Foundation supports the software investment, while the selection itself was a collaborative, campus-wide decision.”

Anaam said the driving force behind the change was to improve the scholarship process for every party involved.

“The move to AwardSpring reflects a focus on improving the overall scholarship process — streamlining administrative work, enhancing the application experience for students, and strengthening how we connect scholarship impact back to donors,” Anaam said.

Students can expect to receive more information on the launch of the new scholarship website via email this summer.

UWO's Nardi throws no-hitter

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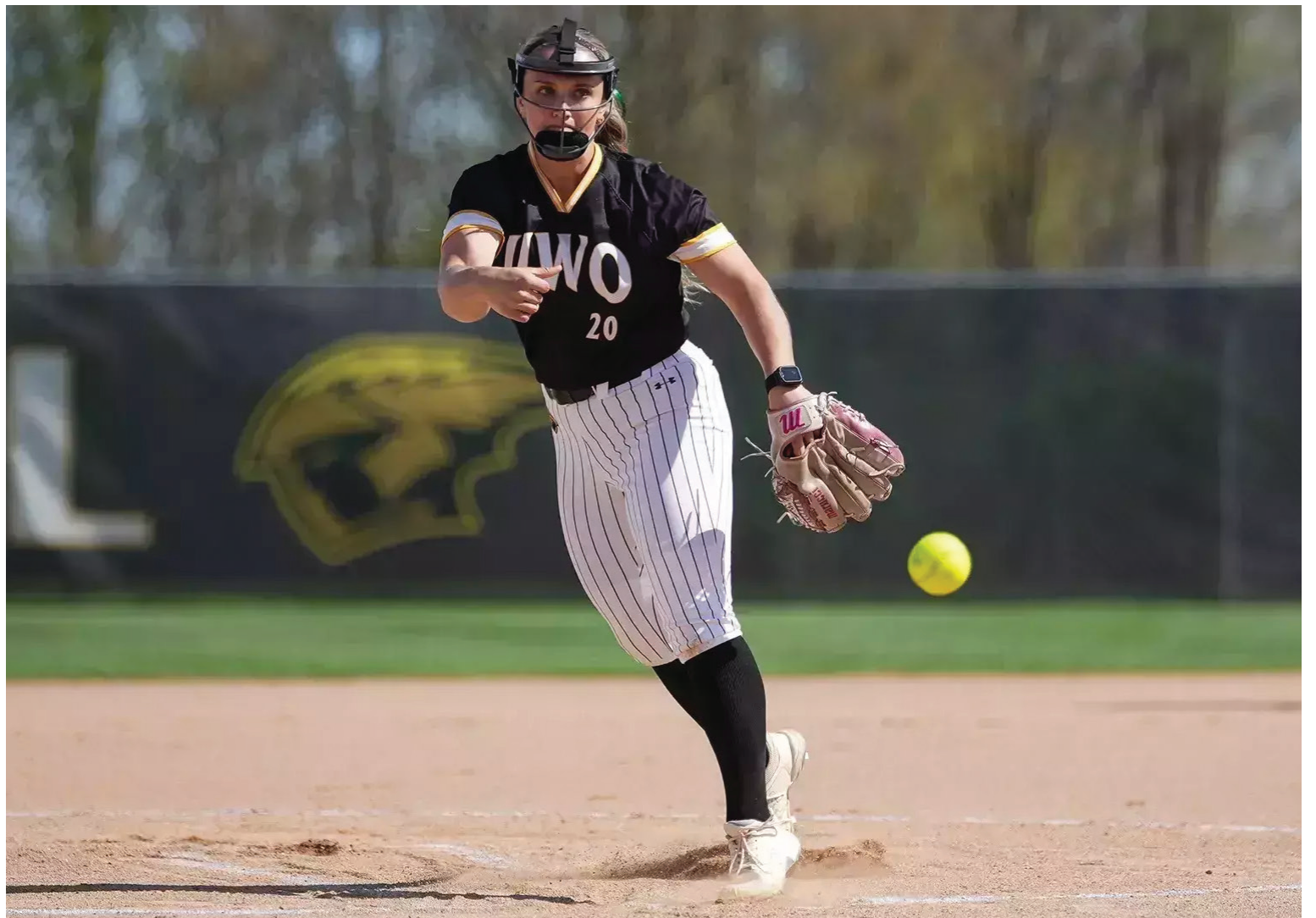
UW-Oshkosh softball (27-5-1), ranked No. 16 in the NFCA poll, swept all three double-headers this week headlined by Grace Nardi no-hitter and Kiran Sanford collecting three wins.

UWO softball team ranked 16 in the NFCA sweep double header against Marian University after a pair of shutouts at Smith Field in Fond du Lac on April 22.

The Titans took the first game 8-0 after Sanford struck out eight in five shutout innings to pick up her 13 win on the season. Oshkosh offense was grooving behind 11 hit outburst as Emma Bohn and Amanda Martineck combined for seven RBI's.

The scoring began in the second after Bohn doubled down the line scoring both Martineck and Mary Kate Quaid. Oshkosh scored four in the third after Martineck singled in Brianne Lopez, Bohm doubled in both Martineck and Olivia Ullman, followed by Haylie Wittman doubled to left field scoring Bohm. The scoring ended when Martineck single to right field scored Ullman and Lopez.

The afternoon game ended in a 4-0 victory. Nardi threw seven filthy scoreless innings to pick up her seventh win after allowing six hits, walking three and striking out nine. Oshkosh rolled its way to 13 hits with Lopez, Martineck, Bohn all collecting three hits, Sarah Hamerton had a multiple hit game with two. Morgan Miller singled in Martineck in the second. The Titans scored three in the fifth,



Courtesy of Terri Cole / UWO Athletics

Grace Nardi throwing a pitch on Sunday, April 26 in her no-hit performance against the UW-River Falls Falcons.

Quaid sac-fly scored Lopez, Martineck double scored Ullman and Bohm single scored Autumn Freismuth.

The Titans won the double-header against UW-Stout by a score of 2-1, followed by a walk-off in the 13th inning of the afternoon game to secure a sweep on April 26 at Mary Beth

Nienhaus Softball Complex in Oshkosh.

Sanford collected her 14th win after pitching seven dominant innings, allowing five hits, one earned run with eight strikeouts and three walks. In the second inning, Bohm singled, Wittman hit a sac-bunt, Miller singled to put runners on the corner for

Olivia Bagnat to have a run-scoring ground out. In the fourth Bagnat bunt singled, stole second, and scored on a Lopez double down the right field line, to end the scoring in the game. Oshkosh had seven hits with Quaid and Bohm each having two.

In the 13-inning affair, UWO

refused to allow a run. Nardi went ten scoreless frames allowing six hits, four walks, while striking out five. Brianna Bougie pitched two frames allowing a hit to go with one punchout, before Sanford came in and shut down the Blue Devil in route to her 15th win.

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Baseball ends regular season with four wins

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The UW-Oshkosh baseball team closed out its 2026 home schedule with a sweep against UW-Stout over the weekend after getting swept in a double-header against No. 4 UW-White-water earlier in the week.

In the Titans' series against the Warhawks on April 22, UWO was swept with scores of 14-2 in game one and 7-5 in game two.

Despite the score, game one was close for seven innings. The Titans' pitching from starter Cooper Kamlay and Hoyt Keller kept the game in reach for the Titans as it was only 5-2, White-water going into the eighth.

Unfortunately for the Titans, it was the eighth inning for White-water that blew it open as UWW put up nine to take a 14-2 lead and shorten the game to only eight innings. Then in game two, it looked to be another Warhawk blowout as UWW held a 7-0 lead. That was until a combined five unanswered runs from the sixth made it a 7-5 game, not allowing UWO get any further.

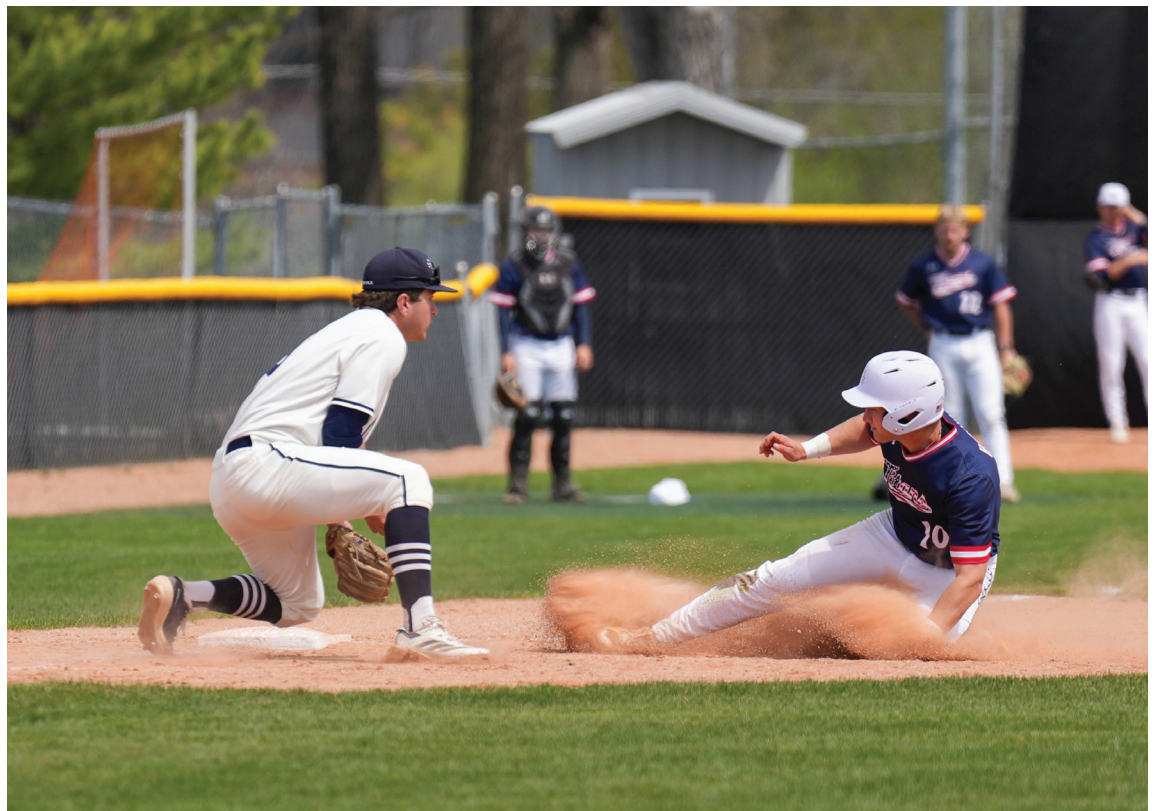
UWO went into the first doubleheader against the Blue

Devils by making a statement. In game one behind a six inning, two hit and one run performance from Josh Jansen. The Titans were able to win game one with a score of 6-1.

Then in game two, behind a complete game shutout from Brett Gaynor, the Titans put up 10 runs behind a three run first and a four-run eighth inning to win 10-0 in eight innings.

On Sunday, UWO opened up the second doubleheader with a 7-1 win. Connor Walters pitched a complete game, going all nine innings while allowing only one run with 15 strikeouts. For the most part of game one, it was close as it was only a 3-1 UWO lead going into the eighth.

But a four run inning for the Titans behind a Danny Connelly RBI double helped UWO pull away to a 7-1 lead and ultimately the win. The series finale was the closest one of the weekend. UWO won in a 3-2 game over the Blue Devils behind a Brayden Skenadore RBI single in the first and a Connelly RBI ground out in the second. Owen Housinger also scored a run with an RBI double in the sixth that ended up being the winning hit with UWS scoring a run in the ninth inning.



Courtesy of Terri Cole / UWO Athletics

Owen Housinger slides into third base on Sunday, April 26 against the UW-Stout Blue Devils.

UWO heads to UW-La Crosse for the final regular season series of 2026 at UWL over the weekend of May 1-2. The Titans as it stands right now are in a tie-breaker with UW-River Falls for

the last spot in the WIAC Tournament with UWRF owning it. If the Titans want to continue on, they just need to win one more game than the Falcons in their respective series' this weekend.

The Titans series against UWL will begin on Friday with game one beginning at 1 p.m. and game two at 4 p.m. Then on Saturday, game one will begin at noon with game two at 3 p.m.



Scoreboard

Thursday, April 23
Men’s Track and Field
Non-Scoring
Women’s Track and Field
Non-Scoring

Friday, April 24
Men’s Track and Field
Non-Scoring
Women’s Track and Field
Non-Scoring
Women’s Flag Football
Aurora (Illinois) - 40
UWO - 13

Saturday, April 25
Men’s Track and Field
1st of 11, 227.5
Women’s Track and Field
1st of 11, 118.17
Women’s Flag Football
Bryant & Stratton College - 34
UWO - 6
Baseball
UWO - 6
UW-Stout - 1
UWO - 10
UW-Stout - 0
Softball
UWO - 2
UW-Stout - 1
UWO - 1
UW-Stout - 0

Sunday, April 26
Women’s Golf
4th of 7, 345
Baseball
UWO - 7
UW-Stout - 1
UWO - 3
UW-Stout - 2
Softball
UWO - 4
UW-River Falls - 0
UWO - 2
UW-River Falls - 0

Wednesday, April 29

Softball
UWO -
UW-Stevens Point - (Past Publication date)
UWO -
UW-Stevens Point - (Past Publication date)

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 1
Men’s Track and Field
at WIAC Championship
TBA
Women’s Track and Field
at WIAC Championship
TBA.
Baseball
at UW-La Crosse at 1 p.m
at UW-La Crosse at 4 p.m.
Softball
vs UW-La Crosse
Resumption from 4/17 game.
2nd inning, UWL leads 4-0

A-Trivia
UWO Softball can clinch the WIAC regular season championship this weekend. When was the Titans last regular season championship?

Answer: 2024



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UWO’s Emma Bohn attempts a bunt in the Titans’ game vs UW-La Crosse on April 17. UWO will resume game two versus UWL on Friday.

Softball: winning games in crunch time

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In the bottom of the 13th inning, Bohm singled, Ullman moved Bohm to second with a successful bunt, then Quaid played hero with a double to right center to call game. Seven Titans had a hit in this game, Lopez and Ullman each had two. Oshkosh ended the week with a double header against UW-River Falls, winning the first game 4-0, while Nardi no-hitter powered the

Titans to a 2-0 win at the Mary Beth Nienhaus Softball Complex on April 26. Freshman phenom Sanford pitched excellently en route to her third win of the week and the 16th on the year. She went all the way, pitching seven deep, allowing three hits, one walk, while striking out eight. UWO did all their scoring early, starting with Quaid’s run scoring

single to bring in Bohm in the first. Lopez got the scoring started in the second with a single to left field that brought in Miller, followed by Bohm single up the middle to score both Lopez and Baugent. Lopez had three of the nine hits, while six other Titans picked up a knock. In the afternoon game, Nardi collected her eighth win, going seven innings, no hits, four walks and struckout four. In the fifth, Lopez

doubled down the right field line, advanced to third on wild pitch, before scoring on a triple by Ullman. Quaid singled up the middle scoring Ullman, to make it 2-0 which is all they needed. Oshkosh had seven total hits, Lopez and Ullman each had two. The Titans are back in action with a double header against UW-Stevens Point April 29 at 2 p.m, then at UW-Platteville May 2 at 1 p.m.



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Emma Boegh finishes an event in a past meet earlier this season. Boegh was one of the three Titans that won an event on the womens side.

Track and Field sweeps weekend meet

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The UW-Oshkosh men’s track and field team placed first, scoring 227.5 points, and the UWO women’s team placed first, scoring 118.17 points at the St. Norbert College Invitational on April 25. On the men’s side Aaron Nehls won the 5000-meter run with a time of 15:35.55. Vince Nienhaus claimed second place in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.4 seconds. Jason Skinkis completed the 1500-meter run with a time of 4:00.47, also placing second. Lucas Koerselman placed third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 51.4 seconds. Peyton Hale and Henry Ken-

nedy finished first and second in the 100-meter dash and in the 200-meter dash. Brandon Marks placed second in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 56.09 seconds. The Titans claimed second and third in the shot put with throws from Cameron Benixen and Kieran Maude. Maude also took first place in the hammer throw and third place for discus. Bryce Smith took second place in javelin with a throw of 44.05 meters. Josiah Hibbler took first place in the high jump with a leap of 1.92 meters. Three Titans placed for the long jump in Cavan Dobberstein, Keith Cyracus and Cameron McAndrews. Ben Lissa won the triple jump with a skip of 13.55 meters.

UWO swept the podium in pole vault with Collin Kao vaulting 5.2 meters, Seth Hopperdietzel and Ethan Stukenberg. On the women’s side, the Titans swept the podium in the 3000-meter steeplechase. Emma Boegh took first with a time of 11:40.02 followed by Josie Makurat and Ella Galaszewski. Maya Van Schyndel took first in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.02 seconds. MacKenzie Dix finished in second place in the 1500-meter run with a time of 4:57.05. Willow Crecelius finished in third place for the 400-meter hurdle with a time of 1:10.26. In the field, Brooklyn Manz placed second in the shot put

with a 13.17 meter throw. Alana Noggle finished in second place in the hammer throw with a 48.1 meter throw. Ruby Goldstein placed second in the discus throw and Noggle finished in third place for discus. Aimee Footit and Halle Meyer tied for second place in the high jump with a 1.52 meter jump. Emerson Clark and Anna Bubolz finished in first and second place for the long jump with Clark jumping 5.48 meters and Bubolz jumping 5.47 meters. The Titans will return to action this weekend, traveling to La Crosse on May 2 and 3 to compete for the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship at Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex.



Body count

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Welcome to Sex In-The-920! I’m the Carrie Bradshaw of UW-Oshkosh, or your college sex guru. In college, or in life where hook-up culture is inevitable, the question of body counts gets asked. How active someone is, or even how many partners they’ve had. When I say body count, I mean sexual partners, and not kills. Hookup culture can extend a person’s body count in different ways, so I couldn’t help but wonder, does a higher body count mean you’re more experienced, or you’re promiscuous?

I honestly think this varies. For some odd reason when a guy has a high body count no one thinks of it, but when a girl does, she gets called rude names, but, that’s a story for another day. In my opinion, I believe that body count can

be important to recognize because of safety. As I always say, safe sex, is the best type of sex, and if you are participating in hook-up culture it is important to be safe and use protection. I believe that’s where I give off judgement, is if you are participating in hook-up culture, and are not being safe about it.

However, if you’re about to date someone, I don’t think body count is important, because relationships look into the future and not the past. It still is important to talk about, and know so you can be safe with your partner, or sexual partner.

And just like that, my question was answered. Body count does not matter, and it shouldn’t honestly impact your relationship. It shouldn’t even impact your hook-up because you’re both there for the same thing. Remember, safe sex, is the best type of sex!

Letters to the Editor

Inflation is being taught incorrectly

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Schools are generally focused on explaining deep detailed models rather than focusing on preparing students to understand real world inflation. Teaching inflation in schools should be different.

It is crucial that students are able to grasp the idea regarding the impact inflation has in our everyday life.

Many students can define inflation.

However, fewer students are able to explain why their everyday costs are increasing.

This gap is a serious problem. At the UW-Oshkosh, I have been able to learn the definition of inflation, which is a general increase in the price over time.

But outside the classroom, inflation doesn’t feel like a definition.

It feels like paying \$3.60 for a gallon of gas when it used to be around \$2.40.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, in March, the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers rose 0.9%, seasonally adjusted and rose 3.3% over the last 12 months,

not seasonally adjusted.

This isn’t the only area inflation shows up in, it happens with just about anything you buy.

Whether that is grocery bills, rent and overall small expenses that tend to add up quickly for students.

The way we teach inflation often conflicts with what is reality.

Schools focus on graphs, percent ages and indexes, but they don’t always connect these ideas to what people are actually experiencing.

As a result, many students understand the concept on paper but get confused when they hear that inflation is “cooling,” even though their own costs remain high.

We should be teaching inflation differently. Start with real-life experiences.

Instead of beginning with formulas, we could begin with relatable topics, such as “what has gotten more expensive in their lives?”

Then explain how that relates to the formula.

Concepts like supply and demand or interest rates tend to make more sense when they ex-

plain something tangible, such as rising gas prices or higher grocery costs.

When students have a relatable subject oftentimes they can digest the material easier.

This shift would do more than just improve classroom learning.

It could create a more informed society.

When people are able to connect economic data to their own lives, they can be better equipped to make better decisions and make smarter financial choices to better their future.

Right now it seems like too many students leave their economics classes understanding the definition of inflation but not how it relates to their life and why it’s so important.

This in all is a missed opportunity for society to understand how the economy can affect them.

If we want people to truly understand the economy, we need to start teaching it in a way that reflects the reality they live every day and this should be schools top priorities.

UWO needs to adapt to AI or risks falling behind

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I am a student here at UW-Oshkosh and I am in a microeconomics class learning about short-run aggregate supply.

After learning about it in class, it is very important to bring to the attention of the Advance-Titan about how artificial intelligence will affect short-run aggregate supply and how UWO can pay a big role in helping to prepare our students for the future.

Artificial intelligence, best known as AI, is already becoming a part of students’ everyday life here at the UWO, along with many universities world wide.

Most conversations on campus focus on if students should be allowed to use AI inside and outside the classroom. Even though this is the case, there is a deeper issue than this. Artificial intelligence is changing the

way students are able to learn and complete homework. But it is also changing how productive people can be throughout their day to day lives.

Because of this, the way UWO responds to this really matters.

To start, short-run aggregate supply is how much businesses can produce at a certain time based on their current cost and technology. When AI is used, it helps businesses work faster and is cost effective.

This means that most of the time they can produce more without raising prices. This ends up shifting the short-run aggregate supply to the right.

UWO has an important role in what this all means because as a university it has a job of preparing students for future jobs and their future career paths. If students learn how to use AI the right way, they will be more productive workers in the future.

This will overall help businesses run better and produce more overall. AI can also help UWO as a university. Artificial intelligence can make ads, help with scheduling and help students be more efficient on how they study.

There are definitely pros to incorporating AI on campus. AI can help students understand harder topics, help students brainstorm ideas, and also allow students to get immediate feedback.

Professors can also save time on grading students’ work or even planning their lessons. This can overall make classes more focused and productive. AI can help both students, professors, and the university itself.

It is also important to look at some of the flaws that can come with AI.

Some students will rely on AI too much and will not actually learn any of their material to

the full extent.

It can also be used as a cheating mechanism. This specific flaw of AI is a big concern for colleges and schools in general.

Another area of concern is that not every student has the same access to AI tools, this could create unfair advantages.

In the short run, these problems could slow down the overall benefits of AI.

Even with these concerns, avoiding AI is not the solution.

In today’s society it is hard to say that avoiding AI is the solution for anyone, rather we need to learn how to grow with it.

If UWO omits AI too much, students might not be ready for real jobs where AI is already being used and kept up with. Instead, the university should teach students how to use AI responsibly and in more creative ways so that students can benefit from it without relying on it too much.

Overall, this connects back to

short-run aggregate supply because AI increases productivity in both schools and businesses.

When productivity rises, firms can produce more goods and services with about the same amount of resources.

This means that the short-run aggregate supply curve would shift to the right. UWO is part of this process because it helps train students who will use AI in the future.

If students and professors learn these skills, now, they can help the economy become more efficient in the short run.

Whether we like it or not, AI is already changing the world and at this rate it is not going away.

UWO has the chance to help students adapt and succeed in this new environment.

By using AI in a smart and balanced way, the university is helping students become more productive and taking a needed step into the future.

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A crowd full of UW-Oshkosh students dance and sing along to last year’s headliner, Waka Flocka Flame, at the annual Bye Gosh Fest outside of the Kolf Sports Center. Courtesy of Reeve Union Board

Mike Posner to headline Bye Gosh

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Students at UW-Oshkosh are gearing up for the campus’s biggest spring tradition as Bye Gosh Fest returns to celebrate the end of the year with live music, local food and more attractions than ever before.

“We’re going to get a lot of people coming for the music, that’s what Bye Gosh is known for, but making all the attractions a lot bigger this year was our goal,” Reeve Union Board (RUB) President Meghan Molthen said.

Bye Gosh Fest has been a staple at UWO since 1979, and has grown over the past 47 years into a vibrant celebration of student life on campus.

Hosted annually by RUB, the event marks the end of UWO’s academic year by giving students a boost of motivation to get through

finals week.

This year’s headliner is Grammy-nominated artist Mike Posner, who is best known for hits like “Cooler Than Me” and “I Took A Pill in Ibiza.”

RUB lets the campus community shape the event by giving students the chance to vote for the headlining performer.

In years past, the student vote has been so close that the board had to make the final decision, Molthen said.

“It was a very tight close race last year,” Molthen said. “Our board ended up ultimately being like, we think this would be the best fit for campus.”

This year, however, the student’s choice was much clearer, RUB Music and Events Coordinator Aiden Funk said.

“The first day it was pretty close, but then by the end of day two, Mike

[Posner] had just kind of cleared the board,” Funk said.

Oshkosh-based blues rock/punk band Local Representative and Midwest-pop band The Astronomers will be opening for Posner, which Funk said was unique to this year’s event.

“It’s not something we always do,” Funk said. “We did it before, where it was people from other states, so you don’t have to do openers from Oshkosh, it’s just something that I thought was cool.”

Local Representative band member Boston Gies said that being a UWO senior makes it even more exciting to perform at Bye Gosh Fest.

“Some of our members have performed at Bye-gosh in the past, but the rest, including myself, are excited to perform on stage for the first time,” Gies said. “I think we have good chops and a fun vibe that the

UWO peeps will most certainly enjoy.”

In addition to the music, Funk said RUB has placed a major focus on expanding the types of attractions they have this year.

“The Ferris wheel is a big thing that we’ve never seen happen on campus,” Funk said. “That’s something I’m pretty excited about.”

Although the event is approaching quickly, RUB is still accepting volunteers to help run the event, Molthen said.

“It’s a big event, and the more people we have wanting to help out, the better,” Molthen said. “They can help out for 30 minutes or for the whole event, it’s really what works best for them.”

RUB tries to make the opportunity to help set up Bye Gosh Fest exciting and accessible for their volunteers.

“You get sweet T-shirts and swag

and see behind the scenes, so volunteering’s fun,” Funk said. “You get to pick your own time basically, and then we’ll put you in a spot that we need you.”

Funk said he hopes Bye Gosh Fest becomes an even more memorable campus tradition that students know they won’t find anywhere else.

“This is our big thing that we can look forward to,” Funk said. “Where other campuses might have something similar, at Oshkosh we have Bye Gosh.”

UWO students get into Bye Gosh Fest free with their TitanCard, and each student is eligible for one guest ticket that can be picked up at the Student Engagement Desk at Reeve Union.

Go to www.uwosh.edu/reeve/involvement/traditions/bye-gosh/ for more information about Bye Gosh Fest.

Sonder Coffee opens brick-and-mortar

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Sonder: The realization that everyone, even strangers, live a life as complex and vivid as your own.

This is the name and concept that belongs to the new coffeeshop Sonder, that opened March 23. Owned by a mother-daughter duo on the edge of campus near South Scott Hall on 540 Pearl Ave., it’s a nice location for college students in need of a caffeine boost.

“We wanted something over on this side because every single coffee shop that’s a small business is all on that side of town,” Ashley Sheppard said. “Over here, (we) definitely wanted something different.”

The co-owners, Angelina Sheppard and her daughter, Ashley Sheppard, try to implement the idea of sonder not just in the name, but throughout their business by offering personable customer service, checking in on their employees, and providing a cute and comfortable “third-space,” as they call it for

strangers to land.

Although their brick-and-mortar shop is new, the business originally started in an authentic vintage 1960s Shasta around two years ago, a mobile coffee trailer they would drive around northeastern Wisconsin to a variety of events and businesses, including the Oshkosh summer farmers market.

After the lot on Pearl Avenue opened up, the two decided to “jump in with both feet” as Ashley Sheppard put it, and bought the property.

Although Oshkosh has no shortage of coffee shops downtown, Sonder is unique for both its prime location near campus and for their selection.

Besides the common coffeeshop drinks like coffee, matchas, teas and hot chocolates, they also offer Lotus energy drinks, something that no other coffeeshop in Oshkosh offers.

Lotus energy drinks are an all-natural caffeine option with the same amount of caffeine as a traditional energy drink, made from lotus flowers and unroasted coffee beans, which are actually the pit of coffee cherries.

Some other special drinks include their s’mores latte and their bourbon caramel and white chocolate latte, one of their best-sellers.

They also do monthly specials, with this month’s specials including the blueberry pancake latte, pink raspberry lemon

lotus, orange & elderflower espresso tonic, coconut cream cold brew, strawberry basil matcha latte and more.

With Ashley Sheppard having six years of vast experience in coffee-making, they said they take their craft very seriously.

“We’ve always called our coffee ‘snobby’ — we’re very specific about it,” Sheppard said. “Our biggest thing is consistency — we don’t want someone to order a drink one day and have it taste different the next.”

Sonder partners with sources from small and local businesses such as OshPop, the Market Boutique on Main, Thunderbird Bakery and Great Harvest in

Neenah, as well as their coffee being sourced from a small business in Hayward.

“We’re all about supporting other local businesses,” Ashley Sheppard said. “I think it’s always good to support each other.”

Sonder also plans to partner with local businesses for special events, including Pretty Little Lines & Beauty Lounge for a fine-line tattoo and permanent jewelry pop-up June 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

They’re also planning a Mother’s Day bouquet-making event, movie and pajama nights and more. For updates on dates and more upcoming events, you can head to their Facebook at Sonder Coffee LLC.

“(We want) as much community engagement as we can get,” Ashley Sheppard said. “(We also) just want to bring in things that college students can do.”

Beyond community engagement, Ashley Sheppard put the vision for their business simply:

“(It’s all about) passion for coffee, one-hundred percent.”

