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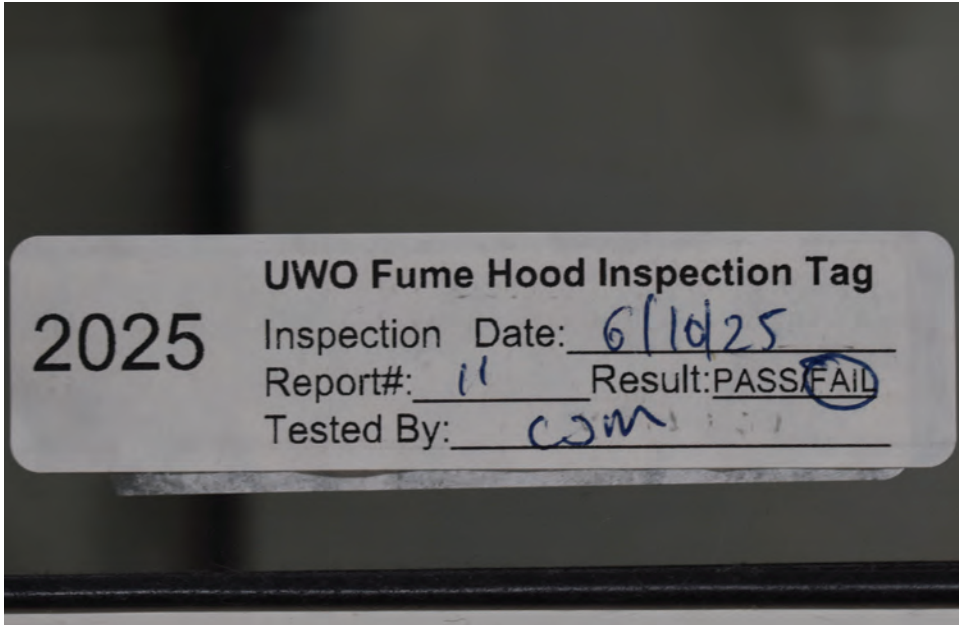
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A failed UWO Fume Hood Inspection Tag in Halsey General Chem Lab 403 (Top left); Stained and worn down chair in Halsey Lecture Hall 107 (Top right); Ceiling tiles scattered across the third and fourth floors of Halsey hallways and classrooms (Sides); Microscopic insects and dirt that has fallen onto machinery from the pictured air conditioning vent in Halsey Room 453 (Bottom).

Dated and antiquated

Insects, dust and mold overtake Halsey

By Zach Bellin
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Rotting ceiling tiles, an unused snack center and microscopic bugs falling out of an air conditioning unit highlight the many problems in the Halsey Science Center.

"Our buildings are old and need a lot of love," a comment on a Facilities survey that was acquired through an open records request said. "The stark differences between Halsey and Clow stand out in my mind. I know it's a money thing but if you want to attract more students to a STEM course, they need a facility that doesn't make them feel behind by 30 years."

The south wing of the Halsey Science Center was constructed in 1963 while the north side of the building came six years later

in 1969. Significant renovations occurred in 2001.

Five departments are hosted in the building along with two program offices and more than 20 different academic departments have classes there a year.

According to the 2023 White Paper for a New Science Building, a Space Needs Assessment report completed in 2016 indicated that each of the biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering technology and physics departments needed space.

Kevin Crawford, a professor of chemistry at UWO, said that statement stuck with him isn't wrong because STEM programs are highly reliant on equipment and facilities to support their research and recruitment.

"I heard a long time ago that generally when a university builds a new science building, their re-

cruitment goes up about 10%," Crawford said. "It doesn't hold as others building new buildings, but certainly not having a newer building puts us behind to recruit STEM majors."

Shelly Michalski, professor of Parasitology said that Halsey is dated and antiquated.

"Faculty offices and some classrooms are in the high 80's in the summer and in the low 60's in the winter," Michalski said. "Many times faculty have to go home to work because it's too comfortable in our offices, which means we aren't around for students."

A UWO student responded to a survey conducted in the spring 2023 semester about Halsey and said that the building doesn't provide the feeling that they're receiving the latest and greatest of anything.

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Left: Students frequently use outdated labs inside Halsey. Right: The pictured vending machines are two of the four food and beverage options inside Halsey.



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Halsey: staff concerned about building

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“Appearances matter, that’s why there are non-stop college tours,” the UWO student said. “If you have a prospective college student or faculty member who looks through the building, I’m sure they will leave feeling underwhelmed in comparison to other schools.”

In an interview with the Advance-Titan in 2023, Crawford said that the building has a need for more food and beverage options beyond vending machines. As it stands now, Halsey’s only available food and beverage options are four vending machines located outside the building’s lecture halls.

That same survey revealed that a large majority of both students and staff strongly disagreed with the statement, “Halsey has welcoming lounge areas, sufficient seating spaces and adequate food options.”

When touring the fourth floor of Halsey, buckets to catch water leaks from the ceiling covered the Room 403 General Chemistry Lab vents, scattered ceiling tiles had mold growth and the Room 453 lab had a massive plastic

bag hanging from the ceiling, intended to catch microscopic insects falling from the air conditioning vents according to Crawford.

After personal inspection, at least 11 rooms on the third and fourth floor of the building have growth occurring on a ceiling tile.

When Crawford and seven other professors were assigned to create a proposal for a new science building, they stated that flooding from heavy rains and sewage backup damaged thousands of specimens and books inside a natural history museum in the basement of the building.

Years after making the proposal, Crawford said he heard in a recent college forum that according to the UWO Provost Edwin Martini, Halsey is third in line for repairs, behind the Kolf Sports Center and Polk Library.

“That told me that I’ll likely be retired before (UWO) will have a new science building, and I plan on that being at least seven years from now,” Crawford said. “It bothers me because we’ve been talking about a new science building for quite a few years now,

and the need for one, and nothing has really happened that’s visible.”

Michalski kept her thoughts short about Halsey being third in line.

“We hear a lot of promises,” she said. “I’ll believe it when I see it.

She said that she’s embarrassed to bring colleagues from other places into Halsey because of its sanitary issues.

“When COVID-19 hit the janitors stopped cleaning,” Michalski said. “[Halsey] floors went years without being cleaned and polished so now they are irreversibly damaged. For some reason, we no longer have janitorial service in our research labs and many teaching labs. We as professors have to take the time out of our schedules to sweep the floors and dump garbage if we have time. Which we don’t.”

A-T staff member Suzy Dawood said she’d seen a cockroach come out of a storage closet in the basement in the fall 2025 semester and a comment acquired by an open records request said they’d seen a roach in the women’s bathroom on the second floor

over the January term.

According to Michalski, they’re limited by the lack of infrastructure like biological safety cabinets and ventilation.

“Our cadaver room has no ventilation and this has affected students and instructors for decades [such as headaches and respiratory symptoms],” Michalski said. “There’s lots of things we can’t teach because we don’t have basic infrastructure.”

The renovation in 2001 cost \$15 million and would’ve gone over that total if the contractor completed their full plan of renovations and equipment additions. It addressed HVAC, electrical, asbestos tile, accessibility issues, replaced outdated furniture and improved layouts of rooms.

From the 2001 renovation to the 2023 release of the White Page, additional renovations projects have cost the state and UWO over \$2.4 million.

In 2023 the professors and students of Halsey called for a new science building on campus, and still as the 2025-26 academic year comes to a close, they call for a new science building.

Prohibition was a family affair

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Last month, the Winnebago County Historical Society held an event on the history of Oshkosh during Prohibition.

Lee Rieherzer, beer historian and author, spoke at the event and told the room of over a hundred about the main players in Oshkosh from the era, most of whom were immigrants and had families.

Rieherzer told the story of August “Fuddy” Witzke, who was an immigrant from Germany that refused to shut down his bar.

“He was arrested three times during Prohibition for violating the dry law,” Rieherzer said. “Even after coming back from jail, he went right back to the bar and kept reopening.”

Two families, the Needle and Miller families, were united by

marriage, commerce, and vocation, as well as the alcohol business.

“The Needle family had a saloon and grocery store at the corner of Ninth (Avenue),” Rieherzer said. “And the Miller family had a saloon and butcher shop.”

Rieherzer then displayed a photo of the two families, which was 21 members total.

“Of these 21 people, at least nine of them are known to have been involved with bootlegging,” Rieherzer said. “This is the face of Prohibition in Oshkosh.”

In the case of the Rauber family brewery, the bootlegging business bonded not just families, but nearly a whole neighborhood too.

“After the brewery launched at the end of Rauber Avenue, a whole neighborhood developed,” Rieherzer said. “And most of

the people in that neighborhood worked at the brewery.”

The brewery’s co-owner during Prohibition, Blanche Rauber, got her start at the brewery at age 13 as a bookkeeper.

Blanche Rauber helped keep the brewery afloat during Prohibition, producing drinks like soda and non-alcoholic beer.

“They were making a little more money than other breweries apparently,” Rieherzer said. “Because they were the only brewery in town that didn’t lay off its workers during Prohibition.”

Similar to many stories from Prohibition, Rieherzer said there’s a theory as to whether the brewery was being entirely truthful about what they really sold.

“There were always persistent rumors that a good percentage of their non-alcoholic beer actually had alcohol in it,” Rieherzer

said. “They were never charged with any dry laws, so we don’t know if that’s true or not.”

Oshkosh was like that city-wide during Prohibition: pretending to play by the rules on the surface, only to keep up business as usual.

“The day before Prohibition began in Oshkosh, there were about 100 saloons in the city,” Rieherzer said. “The day after Prohibition began, there were about 100 speakeasies in Oshkosh.”

And until the 18th Amendment was repealed, bar owners wouldn’t change their tune.

“(The bar owners) saw this as an attack on their way of life,” Rieherzer said. “And they certainly weren’t going to submit to it.”

The Winnebago County Historical Society’s next meeting is on June 8 at the Morgan House Museum.

UWO provost named UW- Eau Claire chancellor

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Edwin Martini, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at UW-Oshkosh, has been approved by the Universities of Wisconsin Board of Regents to become UW-Eau Claire’s ninth chancellor starting July 1, with his last day at UWO being June 19.

“It was incredibly difficult,” Martini said. “I’ve really enjoyed my time at UWO, and I feel that there is work left to do here. But the UW-Eau Claire position is a really good fit for me personally and professionally; it’s an opportunity I did not feel I could pass up.”

Previously, Martini held multiple leadership roles at Western Michigan University and joined UWO in July 2023 after a nationwide search was completed in spring that year.

Over the past almost three years, he has led work on academic realignment, integrated enrollment and student success strategies with academic planning, as well as guided a reimagining of the Polk Library.

Chancellor Manohar Singh said that he and Martini will work with the university leadership to ensure a “smooth transition” and continuity of academic priorities, while details on an in-

terim provost will be announced once finalized.

Martini said the achievements UWO reached during his tenure were the result of a collaborative effort.

“While I am proud of a number of things we’ve accomplished during my time here, I’m most proud of how we’ve accomplished those things,” he said. “From my first day, I tried to lead with transparency, integrity, and collaboration, and any successes that we’ve had during my time here are the result of people coming together to solve hard problems.”

Singh said Martini’s appointment at UWEC is a well-deserved recognition of his leadership and contributions to higher education.

“I am grateful for his leadership and partnership, and I know many across campus have benefited from his thoughtful, collaborative approach,” Singh said in the email on April 22.

Karen Walsh, regent and a chair of the search and screen committee, said she is thrilled to see Martini’s skills and leadership at UWEC.

“He brings a collegial and collaborative approach to leadership, and he is poised to advance the university’s mission on day one,” Walsh said. “I’m also excited that Ed [Martini] becomes



Courtesy of UWO Flickr

Ed Martini speaks at the inauguration of Manohar Singh, held in the Kolf Center on April 24.

our latest homegrown chancellor, which is an indication of the talent we cultivate at the Universities of Wisconsin.”

Martini said UWO has made him ready to take on the role of Chancellor at UWEC.

“All the experiences I’ve had at UWO have prepared me very well to take on a chancellor position,” he said. “I’m grateful to have had the chance to lead major initiatives, and to be involved with projects including athletics, fundraising and facilities, which not every provost gets a chance to do.”

Martini said that his time as

provost under the leadership of Singh and former UWO Chancellor Andrew Leavitt taught him a lot.

“They’re very different people with different personalities, but one of the things they have in common is that they both have big hearts and care deeply about people,” Martini said. “Not everyone gets to see those sides of the Chancellor, but I was able to see it up close. I’ll remember that because it’s important to keep in mind the human impact that our decisions often have.”

Martini said that what he’ll miss most at UWO is the people

because of how the university and the community accepted him.

“Since my very first interview applying for the job, I have felt incredibly welcome on this campus and in this community,” he said. “Everyone has been incredibly kind in wishing me well in my move to Eau Claire. I’m particularly humbled at how many students I’ve heard from. Given how little direct interaction provosts often have with students, I was surprised at how many students actually knew who I was and that I was leaving, let alone telling me that I would be missed. It’s very moving.”

Pączki help define tradition at Smurawa’s bakery

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As the priest walks down the aisle at the end of Mass, most people head for their cars, but in Pulaski, Wisconsin, they head to Smurawa’s Country Bakery.

Inside Smurawa’s Country Bakery, the line often stretches to the door as the scent of fresh donuts and bread fills the shop. Families still dressed in their Sunday best scan the display cases, greeting neighbors and debating which treats are so good that they won’t make it home. For many, the stop isn’t just about the pastries, but rather a weekly tradition.

Local resident Ashlyn Szymanski said she’s been going to the bakery since she was a child.

“My favorite memory is having their donuts after Sunday church or catechism since it’s right down the road from Assumption BVM,” Szymanski said.

Smurawa’s Country Bakery opened in 1998 and is entirely family owned. Szymanski said for as long as she remembers the bakery has been open.

“Smurawa’s has been around for a very long time and right within the community,” Szymanski said.

Owner Greg Smurawa said the bakery’s role goes beyond baked goods, serving as a cornerstone of the community.

“It’s important to offer great service and quality products, not just for the people here, but for those who come from all across the state,” Smurawa said.

When walking into Smurawa’s, cases are full of homemade pastries, breads on tables and

cookies surround the customers. Handmade cards are in front of the pastries for customers to order at ease.

Not only are there pastries and breads for sale, but shirts in the Polish colors of red and white that say, “I got my PACZKI filled at Smurawa’s” and homemade Polish painted eggs called pisaniki.

But in a town with deep Polish roots, one pastry has come to define both the bakery and the community: the pączki, a rich, filled doughnut traditionally made for celebrations.

Smurawa said the pączki is the bakery’s signature item, drawing customers from across the region.

“It’s our flagship item, you could say and we’re very proud of it,” Smurawa said. “It’s a family recipe that spans more than five generations and over 100 years.”

Former Smurawa’s employee Braden Morlan said everything is fresh and made at the bakery.

“They’re making their own custard, chocolates, doughnuts and everything is a special recipe,” Morlan said.

Szymanski said lines to get a pączki can be long, but the wait is worth it.

“I love a good pączki, especially on Fat Tuesday or Polka Days, stopping in at Smurawa’s for a pączki and some pierogies is a must,” Szymanski said. “It has become the Polish culture in Pulaski.”

Morlan said Fat Tuesday and Polka Days are two of the biggest events for the bakery.

“They do a stand and they sell a bunch of Polish food,” Morlan



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A glass case filled with an array of baked goods that customers can enjoy at Smurawa’s Country Bakery.

said. “So pierogies, meats and then their pączki obviously.”

Beyond its signature pastries, the bakery is also known for another feature that catches customers’ attention: its extensive cookie jar collection. Rows of cookie jars line the walls, stacked high above the seating area, each one different from the next. The community’s cookie jars enclose the inside of the bakery.

Smurawa said it started with about three cookie jars and turned into a community engagement item.

“It’s gotten to the point where customers come in and they’ll be like, ‘this used to be my mom’s or this was grandma’s,’” Smurawa said. “Now people will bring (cookie jars) here and ask us if we could display them.”

Szymanski said Smurawa’s has the biggest cookie jar collection in the state.

“Anything you can think of, they probably have it as a cookie jar,” Szymanski said. “It’s such a cool experience to see it, when you go.”

Smurawa said the store has over 500 cookie jars currently on display in the store.

“We’ve become the cookie jar orphanage,” Smurawa said. “We’ve had a couple times where people have left a box of them by the door while we’re closed.”

Smurawa said he takes great pride in displaying all the different types of cookie jars.

“People know that if it’s at home, it’ll be in a box in the attic or the basement,” Smurawa said. “If they come in here, they’ll see it and it’ll cause them to remember their family members.”

Morlan said it’s unique that the store spans different generations of the family.

“Everything that they do is all

family owned by Greg and his wife,” Morlan said. “I know their daughter and son work there, so that part’s really cool.”

Smurawa said he’s Polish and his wife is Bohemian, which means making different pastries is the joy of the job.

“The great thing about baking is the good Lord has blessed us with the ability of what we can do with our hands,” Smurawa said.

Smurawa said he is proud about being a destination that draws people from all over.

“We say that a pączki is not just another jelly donut, but it goes beyond that,” Smurawa said.

Morlan said that a stop at Smurawa’s is worthwhile for those in the Pulaski area with time to spare.

“It’s so authentic and it’s just a little hole in the wall place,” Morlan said. “There’s a lot of heart behind it.”

Aramark to be UWO’s next food vendor

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UW-Oshkosh announced Aramark Collegiate Hospitality was selected as the new campus dining partner, taking over for Elior Collegiate Dining.

“Beginning this summer [May 20], UW-Oshkosh will welcome Aramark Collegiate Hospitality as our new campus dining partner, bringing new food options, expanded convenience, and fresh experiences across campus” Kate Demerse, assistant chancellor for student affairs and dean of students, said.

The partnership with Aramark focuses on student choice, wellness, and flexibility, with expanded offerings designed to fit how Titans live, study, and eat according to Demerse.

Every food stand in Reeve Memorial Union will undergo at least a rebranding.

The pizza stand known as Dohlio will become Food Lab, where they’ll serve a rotating student-voted menu, starting with Chopsticks in the fall, an asian cuisine menu.

The central area of Reeve Marketplace is adding fresh sushi, poke bowls and boba tea, while the back side turns into Medi, which serves Mediterranean inspired dishes.

Both the Sub Stand and Chilaca are being rebranded where they’ll continue to serve similar menus.

The Sub Stand is becoming The Spread while Chilaca becomes Zoca.

Clash Burger will transition to Sizzle Spot, featuring smash burgers made with fresh-ground beef, along with Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream.

“I think having more of a variety of food options at Reeve will be a good addition to campus,” Alex Wolf, sophomore at UWO said. “I tend to like a variety of things that aren’t always available at Blackhawk [Commons], so it’s nice to see them becoming available in this upgrade.”

Fellow UWO sophomore Matthew Lange said that he’s happy about the changes, but most excited about Chopsticks.

“I’m excited to see what they offer for Asian food because I’m a huge takeout fan,” Lange said. “The Food Lab sounds like it’s off to a great start and I can’t wait to see what gets voted in next. I look forward to this because it could be new foods introduced at Reeve and to my food palette”

Dining options aren’t the only change students can expect at the Reeve Marketplace, as Aramark is pushing for a shift towards more use of technology.

“The expanded use of technology in Reeve is intended to make dining more convenient, flexible, and responsive to how students manage their schedules,” Brian Warzynski,



Courtesy of UWO Flickr

assistant director for dining operations said. “Students will be able to place orders using Grubhub kiosks in Reeve, helping reduce wait times and streamline ordering.”

Aramark’s also introducing mobile tools to improve accessibility to menus and allergen information, as well as a program called Eat to Excel, Warzynski said.

“Eat to Excel helps students plan meals around their daily routines by offering guidance on what and when to eat, with a focus on calories, carbohydrates, and protein to support sustained energy throughout the day.”

Both students expressed their concerns with switching to a tech-

nological dining system because of its complexity.

“I don’t know if a move toward a technological system is a great idea,” Wolf said. “I tend to worry about online services because they tend to be more complex when it comes to applying technology into a limited budget system ... I also tend to like in-person interactions because it tends to give me more insurance.”

The familiar faces students might’ve feared they’ll lose, all current Elior employees were offered employment with Aramark and nearly 90% have been hired according to Warzynski.

Lange said that’s good news be-

cause he got so used to the people staffed right now.

Wisconsin procurement rules required UWO to hold a competitive bidding process for the new dining service as the contract with Elior is scheduled to end May 17.

A review team scored each proposal under strict guidelines that ensured fairness and impartiality and Aramark scored the highest.

The deal with Aramark includes a five year contract through May of 2031 with options for two one-year renewals

UWO and Aramark will continue to develop ways to make the dining experience on campus more accessible, diverse and flexible.

Indigenous Women Task Force bill delayed

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Wisconsin’s Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force has been in the process of releasing a comprehensive advising report on the epidemic of violence against Indigenous women since late 2020, but has yet to put forth the finished document.

Task force appointee and Brothertown Indian Nation member Renee Gralewicz said she worked to bring administrative attention to the matter long before the task force was established.

Eventually, the movement reached a point at which a bill was drafted and so Gralewicz and her peers traveled statewide to get eyes on the issue.

“I went to the Capitol, because the way the bills work in Wisconsin is you get a bill presented, then the legislature gives it to a committee,” Gralewicz said. “And the committee decides what to do with that.”

After meeting with the committee and lobbying legislators in preparation for a public hearing on the bill, Gralewicz and her peers were interrupted by the COVID pandemic.

“A lot of our public activism stopped,” Gralewicz said. “It didn’t mean that we stopped. We were still emailing, lobbying and calling It was the April of 2020 that the committee holding the bill in check said, ‘oh, we’ll have a public hearing now.’”

If a bill does not pass the committee following its hearing the whole process must be repeated, which was a concern for Gralewicz and her peers.

“You rewrite the whole thing, it

gets put into a different committee, and you start over,” Gralewicz said. “This was COVID, so we weren’t starting over.”

She said the public hearing involved the testimonies of survivors of domestic abuse and the families of missing persons.

“Our legislators thanked us for our time, our blood, our sweat, our tears, and proceeded to do nothing,” Gralewicz said.

However, the public hearing connected Gralewicz and her peers with Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul, who relayed the willingness of the DOJ to create a task force.

“I was hesitant,” Gralewicz said. “A number of us women talked about it on the side, and we decided, well, something’s better than that.”

By 2021, over 45 members joined the task force, including retired law enforcement, legislators, social workers and tribal representatives.

Members were divided into areas of expertise, with Gralewicz being policy, meaning their shared duty was to examine policies and determine what was relevant and necessary for Wisconsin.

Task force members believed the report to be nearly finished once their work wound down in 2023, Gralewicz said.

“We started to put it together and I believe it was in March 2023, we were going to present this to the governor, to the legislature,” Gralewicz said. “We were having a whole rollout thing, and it came to a dead end.”

The leaders of the task force asked for clarifications on some portions of the bill so the task force continued working for about an-



Renee Gralewicz

other four or five months. Come 2024, Gralewicz said she heard nothing. She emailed the DOJ in September 2025 after another period of silence.

“I was given, ‘oh, we’re working on the report,’” Gralewicz said. “‘If you want to talk about it, call me.’ And I said, ‘no, I don’t want to call you. I want the report.’”

Other members who were not leaders of the force were also in the dark on progress, and those who emailed separately said they were met with similar vague statements according to Gralewicz.

Her colleague was finally able to get a definitive reply, which explained the delay as a matter of the report being ready for a public meeting. The DOJ said they were polishing it but only had three people working on the final report, all of whom were unwilling to share its current state.

Gralewicz said that two of the three parties were members of the task force, one being a leader and that the third was one of Kaul’s staffers.

“They did all their work, and all



Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

of a sudden, Attorney General Josh Kaul turns over the draft report they worked on and gave it to one of his other staffers so that could be rewritten in his voice,” Gralewicz said.

Gralewicz and her colleague called the department about the issue to receive more context and Kaul shared his intention to only release the recommendation portion of the report.

“You can’t do a recommendation without the story being behind it,” Gralewicz said. “No, the story needs to be told. So we’re fussing with him about that, and he listened to us. But that doesn’t mean we convinced him.”

After another meeting held regarding the issue, Gralewicz, Kaul and his staff agreed to disagree on the best way to release the report.

Gralewicz said that Kaul’s insistence on writing the report to cater to legislators and lawyers made him a cultural broker, one who translates these issues to make them easier for lawmakers to understand.

“That doesn’t mean his voice is

stronger and more important than ours,” Gralewicz said. “So, that’s where we are. They’re working on it. Since 2023, when the report was 70% done.”

Despite their efforts being halted on the legislative level, they’re using other ways to address the epidemic of violence against Indigenous women.

May 5 is Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Awareness Day, a day dedicated to demanding action to prevent further violence and loss of life on a mass scale for Indigenous women and girls nationwide.

In the spirit of this movement, Gralewicz shared ways for students to show their support.

“Ask other people, are you aware of the missing and murdered indigenous women epidemic going on,” Gralewicz said. “Also, you can write to Attorney General Josh Kaul.”

To reach Attorney General Kaul and inquire about the report, use either of the following contacts: attorneygeneral@doj.state.wi.us or www.joshkaul.org/contact-us.

Freshman pitcher shines for UWO

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One pitcher tops the UW-Oshkosh softball team in almost all major statistical categories this year, the second straight year a freshman does so for the program.

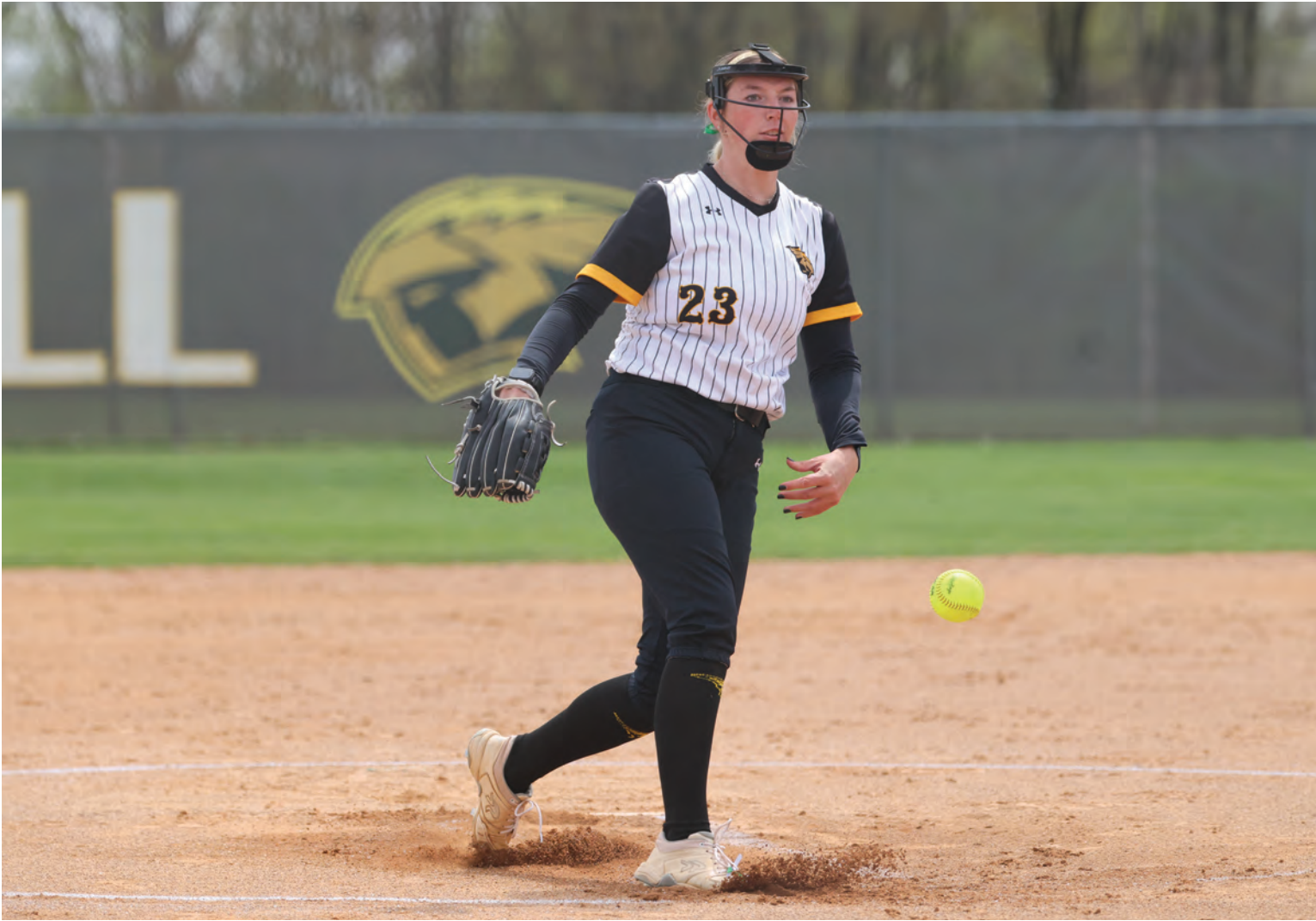
That pitcher is the freshman phenom Kiran Sanford, who entered WIAC tournament week sporting a 1.31 ERA for a No. 1-seeded Titans team that features one of the best pitching staffs in all of NCAA Division III softball.

Kiran Sanford has dominated at high levels before, such as when she fanned 20 batters en-route to delivering Mishicot High School into second state championship win, 1-0 against Pacelli High School just a year ago. But behind all the numbers, a person lies. That person is one that likes to draw, takes walks and wants to be the best mentor for her little cousin Aiden.

“My little cousin Aiden, watching from afar — I don’t get to make much because of softball — but I think when I’m done with softball I’ll try and make as much as I can for him, cause I know he did it for me,” Kiran Sanford said. “I think putting in a lot of time and effort into helping him as a person and an athlete, I think, is something I really like to do.”

Family is everything to Kiran Sanford, factoring into almost any major decision with her family often traveling from Mishicot to see her pitch — she wanted to make sure they could see her do that.

“That was a big part for me,” Kiran Sanford said. “They spent so much time and money and effort watching me play throughout the years and even



Courtesy of Terri Cole / UWO Athletics

Kiran Sanford throwing a pitch in her outing against the UW-River Falls Falcons April 26 at the Mary Beth Nienhaus Softball Complex.

thought I’ll be paying the student loans here. I think it’s worth the memories that they’ll get to have now by being able to come and watch me.”

Connor Sanford, her older brother is a Junior offensive lineman at UW–Stevens Point, and he said that their family lives vicariously through Sanford.

“I mean obviously the men in our family love football, but they also love softball, so Kiran gets a strikeout or a per-

fect game, or whatever and they’re all jumping around excited, yelling, high fiving each other,” Connor Sanford said. “Everybody in our family is so involved, it’s almost like they’re playing themselves and that’s what’s really special.”

Jim Sanford said it was pretty neat to see the support group she had.

“You have friends, friends that have never even watched the game that came and watched,” Jim Sanford said.

Kiran Sanford thanked her family for showing up and supporting her.

“I would just thank them for everything and continue to thank them every day because they support me day in and day out with everything,” she said.

Kiran Sanford said that without her family, she would be nothing, and she would be no one without anything.

“I asked my dad for an undershirt, and he just ordered it like right away, my mom she works

two jobs and helps with everything and she’s really tired, but she shows up no matter what,” Kiran Sanford said. “My brother even from afar, I text him kind of for everything, he’s the person I go to for advice because he’s a college athlete himself so I’m like ‘what do I do in this situation’ because sometimes I really don’t know what I’m doing, and he helps me out,” Kiran Sanford said.

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Flag football finishes first season in UWO history

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The inaugural season of UW-Oshkosh flag football has come to a close, with the Titans picking up their second win ever against Wittenberg University (Ohio) 32-7 at the Purdue University Northwest (Indiana) Triangular on May 2.

UWO faced the home team Purdue Northwest earlier in the day and lost 43-20.

In the game against the Tigers, freshman Joely Schelfhout kicked off the scoring for the Titans, cashing in a 39-yard pick six in the second quarter. The successful point-after pass made the score 7-0.

“I just kept hearing people on the sideline, they’re like, ‘run, run’ and I was like, ‘okay,’ so I just ran,” Schelfhout said in an interview with WRST-FM on May 4. “Then it happened. I mean, it was super cool. Like, it was the first and only one of our entire season.”

Anika Roush capped off the next drive with a direct-snap touchdown to give UWO a 13-0 lead at halftime.

With possession of the ball out of the halftime break, junior Marin Bell tossed a pass to Schelfhout, who caught it for a 26-yard touchdown in the end zone. Schelfhout would find the end zone for a third time, with freshman Aaliyah Lathrop also scoring, as the Titans cruised to a 32-0 entering the fourth quarter. The only points given up by the black and gold were on a 16-yard touchdown pass in the fourth.

The matchup against Purdue Northwest saw the Titans trailing 25-6 at halftime, with the lone score being on a touchdown pass from Bell to Schelfhout. Freshman Jamaya Mariner notched 19- and 16-yard touchdowns for Oshkosh, but the Pride sealed the victory on a pair of interceptions that led to points on the scoreboard.

UWO’s inaugural season saw a lot of firsts for the program. The first game was held on Feb. 25 against Aurora University (Illinois), with freshman Kyana Williams scoring the first-ever points for UWO on April 2 against Rockford University (Illinois). One week later,

the Titans picked up their first win by defeating the Regents 19-15 at Smith Field in Fond du Lac. The Titans were able to put points on the scoreboard in their final eight games after going scoreless in their first three, with six of them being double-digit outings.

After the first three games, things need to change game-play-wise for the Titans.

“We met as a staff, and it was like, ‘Okay, Coach, what you’re doing isn’t working. What are you going to change?’ So, I appreciated that (the) girls were really flexible and made the adjustments that we needed to, but we still hadn’t hit that mark,” head coach Deante Jefferson said. “Each week, you saw them answer the call for what we needed them to do.”

Being a part of the first-ever season will be a big part of both the player’s lives, and their athletic careers.

“(It’s) great to be part of history, and just everyone on the team is amazing,” Mariner said. “Like, the environment is incredible, and I just wouldn’t change it for the world.”



Courtesy of UWO Flickr / UWO Athletics

Jamaya Mariner jumps high to catch the ball over two Rockford University defenders.

With the gridiron going quiet for the summer, the countdown begins for the next season of

UWO women’s flag football to take the field and build upon the legacy they’ve started.



Courtesy of Terri Cole / UWO Athletics

Aaron Davis beats out a throw at second base and slides in safely against the UW-Stout Blue Devils in a conference doubleheader on April 26 at Alumni Stadium.

Titans fall in contest against UW-La Crosse

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The UW-Oshkosh baseball team’s season wrapped up as they lost three out of four against UW-La Crosse to finish its season 16-23, and 12-16 in WIAC play becoming their worst season since 2012 where they only won 15 games.

UWO split a doubleheader against UWL (28-10) in the final regular season weekend match-up, winning the first game 8-3, while losing the second game 4-1 at Copeland Park in La Crosse on May 1.

The bats were potent as the Titans scored a run in at least six different innings, collecting 11 total hits in the game. Logan Schill got

the scoring started in the third, knocking in Jack McNamara and Gavin Persson with a single to the right side. Later that inning, Trevor Morris sac-bunt scored Owen Housinger. In the fourth, Aaron Davis doubled before scoring on a base hit to center off the bat of Brenden Max. Persson crushed a home run in the sixth inning, before Oshkosh scored two more insurance runs in the seventh and ninth innings as Oshkosh cruised to victory.

Josh Jansen shut down the Eagles, going seven innings, giving up two unearned runs (Jansen had two fielding errors), allowing five hits, walking three, and striking out nine. Ryan Richter allowed one run off four hits in one inning of work,

while still managing to strike out three. Ben Buehring struck out the side to end the game.

In the afternoon game, both teams dealt for five scoreless innings before the Eagles opened the floodgates with one in the bottom of the sixth, and the Titans promptly tied the game on a balk, allowing Braydon Skenandore to score after he led the inning off with a double.

However, La Crosse responded with three in the bottom of the frame, which would end the scoring. Oshkosh had four hits in the game, two from Skenandore, Max had a hit and a walk, and Morris collected a knock.

Brett Gaynor went 6 1/3 innings before being taken out after he started to unravel. He allowed four

runs, three earned, on four hits, five walks, while striking out six. Benje Hencke went 1 2/3 innings, allowing two hits and striking out one.

Oshkosh lost the second doubleheader 14 to one, and 3-1 on May 2 to La Crosse to effectively end their season.

The first game ended in seven innings highlighted by UWO allowing eight runs in the sixth inning. Housinger, who had two of Oshkosh’s five hits on the day, singled to left field and scored McNamara in the fifth inning which was the lone bright spot of the game.

Connor Walters went five innings, and allowed eight runs, seven earned, off seven hits, four

walks, and finished with five strikeouts.

Hoyt Keller and Parker Thompson each gave up three runs, while Kael John finished it off with 2/3 of an inning of scoreless in relief.

In the final game of the season, Baris Brua went a solid 6 2/3 innings of three run ball, allowing six hits, walking two, and striking out eight. Michael Hughes recorded an out to finish the inning, and Cooper Kamley got a scoreless appearance to close the season.

McNamara single to left center scored Schill in the sixth to put the Titans on the board, Schill had three hits in the game, and Oshkosh got eight total, but didn’t capitalize on their opportunities.



Courtesy of Terri Cole / UWO Athletics

Kiran Sanford (left) and Amanda Martineck (right) celebrate with a high-five after an inning pitched by Sanford against the UW-La Crosse Eagles on May 1.

Sanford: starting her UWO journey

From Page 5

To be the best, you have to be willing to sacrifice. For Kiran Sanford that wasn’t just advice, it was reality. It was a part of a conversation with her dad Jim Sanford, when they realized softball was something that she wanted to be the best at.

“I had to explain to her that, to get to the next level you might

have to sacrifice some things like grad parties, birthday parties, right down to there,” Jim Sanford said.

Jim Sanford is a massive piece of the puzzle that has encouraged and helped her on her journey, understanding that sacrifice was not a one-way road.

“I even gave up a lot of my archery, bird hunting, extracur-

ricular bar activities, like pool league and stuff like that, but it’s all well worth it,” Jim Sanford said.

Kiran Sanford understood it wasn’t just her giving up things.

“He really did bend over backwards just to make sure I had opportunities and every resource I could, even if it was hard,” Kiran Sanford said.

Connor Sanford said he was so proud of her for what she’s accomplished.

“She puts in all the work behind the scenes — a lot of people don’t see what she does — I honestly feed off her energy sometimes as an athlete myself, and I don’t know I’m just speechless,” Connor Sanford said.

Jim Sanford added on the

same sentiment on the pride he has.

“I can’t be more proud of my children, they all went to the next level since they were young, that was their goal,” Jim Sanford said. “They both excelled in school, they’re both excelling in sports and they’re living their dream, there’s not much I can be more proud of.”



Scoreboard

Thursday, April 30

Softball
Game 1
UWO - 4
UW-Stevens Point - 3

Game 2
UWO - 4
UW-Stevens Point - 0

Friday, May 1

Women’s Track and Field
5 of 8, 49 points

Men’s Track and Field
2 of 8, 129 points

Softball
UW-La Crosse - 5
UWO - 0

Baseball
Game 1
UWO - 8
UW-La Crosse - 3
Game 2
UW-La Crosse - 3
UWO - 1

Saturday, May 2

Women’s Track and Field
5 of 8, 49 points

Men’s Track and Field
2 of 8, 129 points

Baseball
Game 1
UW-La Crosse - 14
UWO - 1
Game 2
UW-La Crosse - 3
UWO - 1

Flag Football
Purdue UN (Indiana) - 43
UWO - 20

Softball
Game 1
UW-Platteville - 3
UWO - 1
Game 2
UWO - 4
UW-Platteville - 2

Flag Football
UWO - 37
Wittenburg (Pennsylvania) - 6

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 8

Mens Track and Field
at UW-La Crosse
Women’s Track and Field
at UW-La Crosse
Mens Track and Field
at St. Francis (Illinois), at noon
Women’s Track and Field
at St. Francis (Illinois), at noon

Saturday, May 9

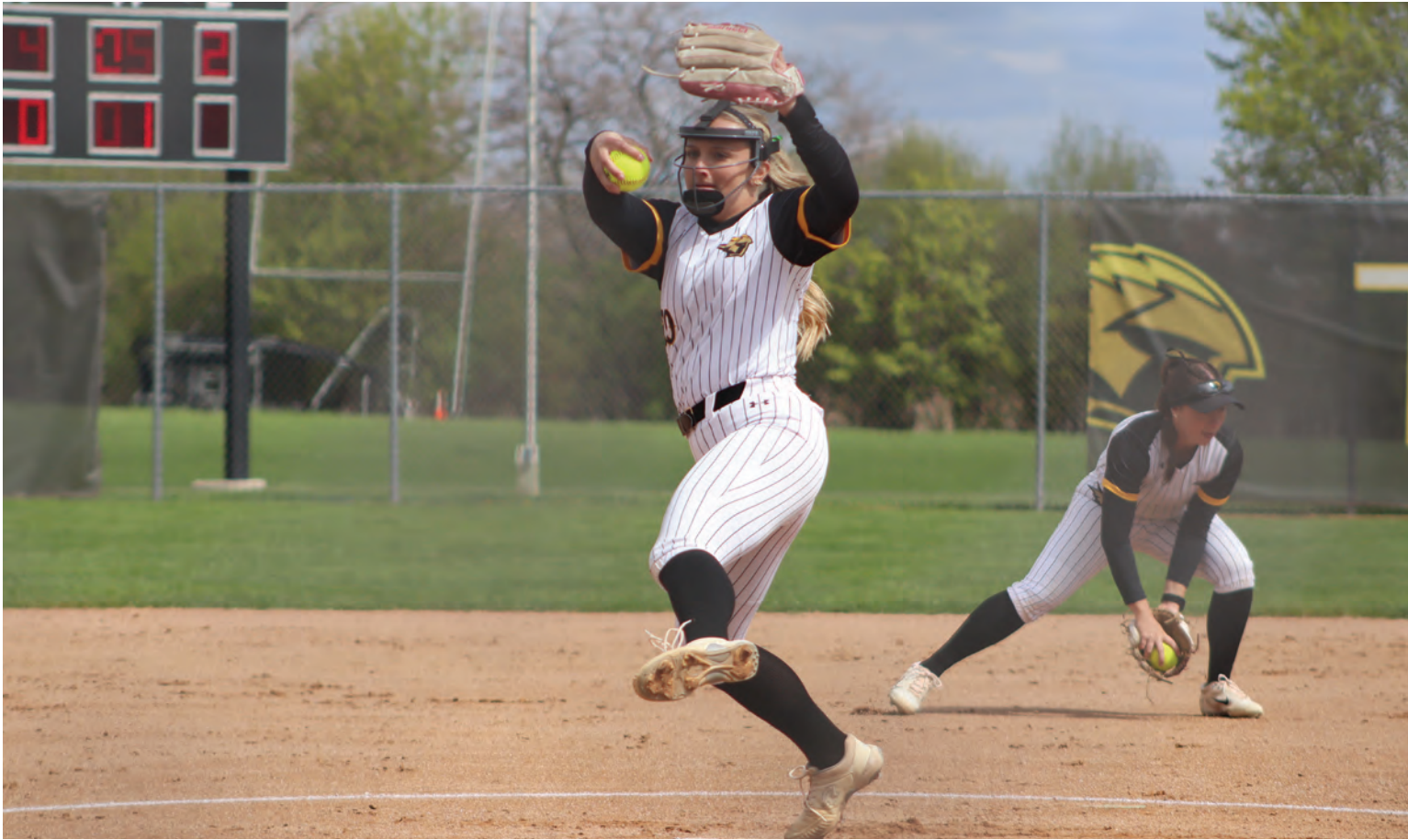
Mens Track and Field
at St. Francis (Illinois), at noon
Women’s Track and Field
at St. Francis (Illinois), at noon
Softball
vs TBA at noon,
Softball
WIAC Championship
TBA, at 4 p.m.

A-Trivia

UWO softball will be going for its fourth WIAC tournament title this weekend. When were the first three titles?

Answer: UWO won the '08, '12, and '25 tournaments.

Softball claims outright WIAC title



Katie Lechton / Advance-Titan

UWO’s Grace Nardi pitches against UW-La Crosse on May 1. Nardi in her previous two starts against UW-River Falls on April 26 and UW-Stevens Point on April 30 and pitched no hitters in both games.

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The UW-Oshkosh Softball team wrapped a wacky week with a 3-2 record, earning themselves the outright WIAC championship for the second time in the past three seasons.

The Titans did it by sweeping UW-Stevens Point in the doubleheader on Thursday, April 30 that was postponed from the day before, along with splitting the doubleheader at UW-Platteville on May 2. UWO also had to finish the April 17 suspended game against UW-La Crosse in between both doubleheaders.

Head coach Scott Beyer credits the team’s determination for being in this position and that is something he is grateful for.

“I couldn’t be more proud of the team,” Beyer said. “If you would have told me we would be conference champs when we began the season, I would say you are crazy. We are not supposed to be in this position, but the grit and determination of this team has been unmatched.”

UWO started the week a day later than planned due to weather moving the UWSP series from April 29.

In game one of the series, UWO won 4-3 in 10 innings with a walkoff RBI single from Maddie Crick. It was a game where it was back and forth with both teams having a response until time ran out.

UWO scored first with a sacrifice fly from Mary Kate Quaid in the third inning, followed by a Pointer home run in the fourth to make it 1-1. Then in the sixth, both teams put together respective two-run innings to tie it at 3-3, until Crick’s walkoff at the end.

In the final game of the series, it was highlighted by Grace Nardi’s second straight no-hitter for the Titans. Nardi went all seven, allowing only three walks with six strikeouts. All the offense needed to give



Katie Lechton / Advance-Titan

UWO’s Mary Kate Quaid is up to bat in the UWL game on May. 1. Quaid scored the Titans first run of the Pointers doubleheader.

her in return was a four-run third inning to complete the win 4-0 and the sweep over the Pointers.

In the suspended game versus UWL, going into the second half down 4-0. There was not much the Titans could do. The closest UWO got to chipping into the Eagle lead was in the fifth inning when singles from Olivia Bagnet and Brianne Lopez gave the Titans runners on first and second with only one out. Unfortunately for UWO, the next two batters followed with ground outs to end the inning. UWL was able to tally one more run to win the game 5-0.

With these two games being postponed, Beyer admits that it was just another challenge that was added onto a season that weather affected heavily. But he also knows that it’s the team’s moxy that got them through it.

“Our culture helped carry us through those tough times for sure,” Beyer said. “We are in good physical shape all year, and then adding a lot of mental toughness with

playing a tough schedule early on helped us navigate through.”

After Nardi completed her second straight no-hitter in the UWSP game, Beyer recognized how she has been working and is happy with how she’s been progressing.

“She has been hitting her spots and using her movement and off-speed pitches at a high level this whole back half of the season,” Beyer said. “I’m really proud of her mental state and she is throwing with a lot of confidence and it really showed.”

UWO wrapped the week and regular season with a doubleheader at Platteville. The Pioneers took the first game 3-1 behind a one run five hit effort from the UWP pitching trio of Avery Lundblad, Payton Gille and Nora Buske.

UWO pitcher Kiran Sanford took the loss despite only allowing two runs on three hits while striking out four. The Titans took the finale 4-2 to clinch the outright WIAC regular season title. Like in the first game of

the week, Crick once again was the hero in the final game of the week and season. Her single in the fifth inning broke a 1-1 tie and scored both runners to give the Titans the lead and the win.

Now the Titans move forward to defending their 2025 WIAC Tournament Championship as UWO will host the 2026 Tournament this weekend on May 8 and 9.

The Titans will play the winner of No. 5 UWSP and No. 4 UW-Eau Claire at noon on Saturday (May 9). And if UWO wins, they will then play in the WIAC Tournament championship game later that day at 4 p.m. against the winner of UWP and UWL or UW-Whitewater.

Beyer thinks that an advantage the team will have is their youth will help them in tournament time for both the WIAC and NCAA.

“We are a young team, naive at times and I think that helps us not feel the pressure of having to win,” he said. “We know what we are capable of, but this team doesn’t play with that pressure on their back.”



Courtesy of Steve Schultz

Festival-goers wander the many shopping stands at last year’s Paine Art Center Festival of Spring. This year’s Festival of Spring will be hosted on May 16.

Festival of Spring is back at the Paine

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The Paine Art Center’s Festival of Spring returns Saturday, May 16, to celebrate the season with its annual plant sale and a curated market of local vendors. “We love seeing everybody come out,” The Paine’s Marketing Manager Noell Dickmann said. “It’s just this wonderful celebration of spring finally being here, so it’s a really great time to get outside and get into the spirit of the warm weather being here.” The Festival of Spring is a free outdoor event that highlights the beauty of the Paine’s spring gardens and offers visitors the opportunity to shop a wide variety

of plants and local goods. The event is located along the 1600 block of Congress Ave., where the streets are blocked off to make room for the many local vendors. Dickmann said the Paine’s plant sale offers many classic annuals and perennials as well as cut flowers and everything else you could want for your garden. “There are vegetables if you’re into vegetable gardening,” Dickmann said. “There’s so many different types of plants.” Garden experts from the Paine will be available during the plant sale to help shoppers decide which plants are right for them, Dickmann said. “They can tell you what the

plant is, how you use it, and answer questions like does it need sun or shade or give general tips on how to be successful with it,” Dickmann said. “There’s definitely guidance if you have no idea what you’re doing and you just want to show up and buy some things.” Visitors can also shop nearly 150 vendor booths featuring handmade crafts, jewelry, art and more at the festival’s farmers-market-style event. “It’s local people, handcrafted items, textiles, jewelry, art, I mean, it really runs the gamut,” Dickmann said. “You never know what’s gonna be there because there’s a huge variety of things to see.”

Local music duo Jim n’ Nancy will perform a wide variety of energetic music from many genres during the event, Dickmann said. “They’ve been doing this for years,” Dickmann said. “They’re really great to listen to and very interactive with the crowd.” The Paine mansion and gardens will be free to explore during the festival for visitors to enjoy the springtime blooms, as well as the Dancing with Life: Mexican Masks exhibit during its last few days on display, Dickmann said. “It’s a good chance if you haven’t seen it, and you want to wait till the last minute, come in during the Festival of Spring and see it for free,” Dickmann said.

Dickmann said the Paine is encouraging those who are interested in membership to sign up before the festival for early access and a 10% discount on all plants. “If it’s your first time coming, come early, like right when the doors open, because it goes fast,” Dickmann said. “Paine members can start shopping an hour earlier, and they do a good job shopping.” The festival will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., while Paine members will have early access to the plant sale beginning at 8 a.m. More information about festival parking and activities is available at www.thepaine.org/event/festival-of-spring/.

What’cha Wearing?

SPRING EDITION

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Spring is here, and so is the opportunity for a new wardrobe. With the sun finally out and the temperature finally above 40 degrees fahrenheit, students are fitting-up to match the weather, so here’s some inspiration from fellow students.

1. Upscale Vintage Grunge
First-year Radio TV Film major Gwen Evenson describes her fashion as “upscale vintage grunge.”

“I prefer a mix of grungy, vintage and 90s laid-back fashion,” said Evenson. Most of her fashion inspiration comes from Pinterest and movies. Evenson said that her favorite thing about spring fashion in particular is that she can still wear cardigans, but also start wearing shorts. Her favorite spring accessory, however, are bracelets.

2. Casual Comfort
Second-year mechanical engineering technology major Liam Murphy describes his spring fashion

as “casual comfort,” often going for earthy tones in his outfits. “(I like to be) comfortable, but still put together,” Murphy said. Most of his fashion inspiration comes from his girlfriend’s Pinterest, who is also a student at UW-Oshkosh. Murphy said that his favorite thing about spring fashion is finally being able to wear short-sleeved shirts. His favorite spring accessory, however, is a simple silver chain that he said “goes with any outfit.”

3. Comfy Streetstyle
Carrisa Ceresa, who’s in her first year, and Hailey Smith, who’s a junior, both describe their style as casual, comfy streetstyle. As two biomedical science students, they can only dress up so much. When they do, Smith said she likes to wear pastels, which is her favorite thing about spring fashion. When Ceresa dresses up, she said she likes to “get sexy with it.”

4. Edgy
Alice Boerner, who is a junior double-majoring in advertising and public relations, describes her style as edgy. Boerner said her style is heavily inspired by her friends, especially her friend Amber. Boerner said her favorite thing about spring is that she doesn’t need to worry about the weather affecting her outfit. This also means she can bring out her favorite accessory, her tights.



Kelly’s Beer Gardens for grads returns

Courtesy of BoomBoxx’s Facebook Page

Graduates, students and Oshkosh locals alike vibe under the tent at Kelly’s annual beer garden last year while Wisconsin-based cover band BoomBoxx rocks out.

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Kelly’s Beer Gardens comes back on May 15 and 16 for its annual end of UW-Oshkosh’s school year celebration. “We treat it as a celebration weekend and I think everybody else does as well,” Daniel Schultz, Kelly’s Bar owner, said. Kelly’s Beer Gardens is an event for all students, graduating or not, as a “farewell to the school year,” Schultz said. Schultz used to work at Kelly’s

Bar for about five years before buying it in 2018. With the bar, he inherited the Kelly’s Beer Gardens tradition. “Everybody knows when graduation at Oshkosh is and for us to put on an event to celebrate,” Schultz said. “That is what I look forward to.” For this event, the front of Kelly’s Bar facing Wisconsin Street gets fenced off and two beer trailers will be put up against the fence. There will be two entrances, one on each side of each parking lot. A tent will be set up, com-

plete with a stage for a live band and a DJ. This is the first year that the variety cover band, Milly & The Mayhem, will be hitting the stage at Kelly’s Beer Gardens. The band plays a wide variety of genres, from pop and country to rock and metal, with covers ranging from Adele to Led Zeppelin. They’ll be playing on May 15 and 16 from 8 p.m. to midnight. With graduation, Kelly’s Bar loses a lot of their graduating student employees, according to Schultz.

“It’s the last thank you to all the students that have been giving us business, so we love to do it and we’re happy to do it and people are always excited for it,” Schultz said. According to Schultz, this is an event for reminiscing student years and showing your loved ones where college memories were made. “The parents get to experience a little bit of what their kid has been doing the last three or four years,” Schultz said. Josh Lehner, a UWO alum-

nus, said that “going to Kelly’s to celebrate graduation and the start of the summer is one of my favourite extracurricular memories from college.” Hearing stories about the college experience is one thing, but Schultz said seeing students graduate and move into adulthood is very full circle. “This is basically your last part of being a kid, once you graduate the world is yours and I think that’s the most beautiful thing,” Schultz said.

SUMMER LIVE MUSIC CALENDAR

june	july	august
3 MUSIC ON MAIN Copper Box @5:30	1 MUSIC ON MAIN David Landau @noon	4 LIVE AT THE LEACH Wheelhouse @6
9 LIVE AT THE LEACH NEW Dueling Piano @6	7 LIVE AT THE LEACH Bellla Cain @6	5 MUSIC ON MAIN Brewster Street Bass Band @5:30
10 MUSIC ON MAIN Kid Boogie Down @noon	8 MUSIC ON MAIN Michael Murphy @5:30	6-8 XROADS Zach Brown Band / Lainey Wilson / Jason Aldean @8:30
16 BREWS BY THE WATERSIDE Plastic Knives Acoustic Duo @5	9-11 LIFESTEP CAIN / Josiah Queen / Skillet @9:15	11 BREWS BY THE WATERSIDE Eight Second Ride @5
17 MUSIC ON MAIN Ants Marching @5:30	12 MUSIC ON MAIN Leonardo Music @noon	13 WATERFEST Starship ft. Mickey Thomas, Alex McMurray Band @5
18 WATERFEST Headliner: Hairball! Opener: American English 6-11 p.m.	14 BREWS BY THE WATERSIDE Swamp Water Boogie @5	18 BREWS BY THE WATERSIDE Dr. Willy & The Souvenirs @5
23 BREWS BY THE WATERSIDE Frank Martin Busch & the Names @5	15 MUSIC ON MAIN Heavy Looks @5:30	19 MUSIC ON MAIN Grand Union @5:30
24 MUSIC ON MAIN Reverend Raven w/ West Side Andy @5:30	16 WATERFEST Vertical Horizon @5	20 WATERFEST Little River Band, The Pocket Kings @5
30 BREWS BY THE WATERSIDE Mason Street Band @5	22 MUSIC ON MAIN Janet Planet @5:30	25 BREWS BY THE WATERSIDE Rings @5
	28 BREWS BY THE WATERSIDE Jet Pack Stereo @5	26 MUSIC ON MAIN Water City Jazz Orchestra w/ Janet Planet @5:30
	30 WATERFEST Al Jardine & The Pet Sounds Band @5	

Opinion

Senior sendoffs

That Luke Bussey sells ads

By Luke Bussey
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When I first stepped onto the UWO campus, I quickly realized there was an astounding number of chipmunks, but unfortunately, practically no pigeons. This simple fact has stayed true throughout all four years.

While it did take time to get used to Oshkosh after growing up in Chicago, I am proud to say

Oshkosh now feels like a second home.

My position at the Advance-Titan has been greatly helpful in developing my advertising skills, and I would like to thank our former faculty advisor, Barbara Benish, for mentoring me and our current advisor, Benjamin Birkinbine, for providing helpful guidance on advertising and continuing the trend of alliteration.

I would also like to thank Jacob

Link for being a very dependable editor-in-chief, always on top of things.

The ad manager position is a great experience for those looking to enter the field of advertising, but it is also a big responsibility.

It definitely gave me imposter syndrome when I first started, but as I have worked in the role, I've gained more confidence in my abilities and pride in my work.

While the emailing can start to

feel repetitive, nothing beats the satisfaction of designing an ad that performs well.

I'm sure a number of A-T staff probably don't know me too well, since I don't go to many meetings and mainly work behind the scenes, and I was on the executive board for a club that meets at the same time. Still, I had a good time designing advertisements and posting them on The Advance-Titan website. I greatly appreciate

the quality of stories the writers at The A-T produce, as the success of our ads somewhat depends on the main content being interesting to viewers.

I wish the Advance-Titan good luck with the advertising moving forward. I hope UWO as a whole will continue to flourish, along with the Advance-Titan, the Oshkosh Gaming Society and the many other student organizations our school has to offer.

Editor-in-Chief writes 443rd story

By Jacob Link
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Well, with graduation two weeks away, it's time for me to write the piece that everyone hates: the senior sendoff.

In my prep for this piece, I read a few articles from professors, like Vincent Filak, about the senior sendoff. They all end up exactly the same and usually mention jokes and shoutouts that only a few people understand. But at the same time, the seniors, who have poured hours into their life in student media, deserve to have at least one story about them.

I've never asked for someone to read my stories, but for my last one, I'd like to finally showcase who I am apart from just a byline in the A-T.

So, here we go.

I have written 443 stories for the Advance-Titan, including this one.

If it were home runs, that would put me 43rd all time in Major League Baseball history, just ahead of Dave Kingman, but behind Vladimir Guerrero Sr. and Jeff Bagwell.

During my first semester at the paper in the fall of 2021, I took charge of the football beat (while also being a member of the football team which I later learned was a bad idea), and loved writing for the paper. As I look back at my first stories, I can't help but shutter. Thank God I had Cory Sparks as a mentor in both my writing for the newspaper and broadcasting on both Titan TV and WRST-FM (there goes my first shout out of the piece).

The A-T quickly became my family and my life. While I may have hated it in the moment, nothing compared to those long hours in the dungeon that is the Reeve basement, laying out pages and editing stories for hours on a Tuesday until 2 a.m. and then staying up all night to go to football lifting at 5 a.m. on Wednesday morning.

As assistant news editor and later as managing editor, I had some wild times covering stories on campus with the end of Andrew Leavitt's tenure, the budget deficit and election night in 2024 when the A-T traveled to all the different watch parties interviewing all the different local candidates.

For my senior (fifth) year, I was finally elected to be editor-in-chief of the paper (while also the operations manager of WRST-FM) and have loved the opportunity to

become a teacher and mentor to young journalists in the program.

Now for everyone's favorite part of a senior sendoff, here's all of my shout outs and advice:

First off, for Nolan Swenson, thank you for being my first friend at the A-T, and although I may have found it odd at first, thank you for inviting me to look at your Lego collection my freshman year. We bonded over beer, documentaries and burger nights at Molly McGuire's, and I'll never forget the hours we spent sneaking off to your dorm during production night "going for a walk" while we were secretly cracking open a beer and eating cheese.

To the original A-T crew from when I joined in 2021, especially Cory Sparks, Mattie Beck and Kylie Balk-Yaatenen. While I may have been a dumb blond-haired sports-crazed kid when I joined the A-T, thanks for putting up with me and transforming me from a high schooler to a college student. Cory, thanks for inviting me to your parties at your apartment, and Kylie, thanks for showing me how to sober up afterwards. Mattie, I'm surprised you still talk to me but thanks for being the HR person in the office when things got a little too crazy.

Kelly Hueckman, although it took you at least three semesters to learn that my name is Jacob and not Nolan, thank you for providing an ear to my problems, and for inviting me up to the Wishing Well. I miss our gossip sessions, and I know that "Todd's Sluts" will get back together at some point.

Anya Kelley, I know for a fact that I pissed you off multiple times in the old office, and may have been the one that left a beer in your backpack that one time. Thank you for having me as your managing editor and I learned so much from you. You don't understand how much the rest of us look up to you as a writer, and I wish I had half of the tenacity that you have when pursuing a story.

Now for this past school year's staff:

To Katie Lechton, Isaac Fischer, Brayden Junkers, Matthew Hoyman and Alex Marzu. You all have been a pleasure to work with and I loved being there to help guide you guys through some amazing stories. You all are so talented and I know that you will continue to impress me throughout the rest of your time at UWO (except for you

Pischer, go fly that fighter jet in the Air Force). Joey Egan, thank you for writing for the paper and I love reading your stories. Justice Cyr, thanks for joining me on a crazy trip to Virginia for the Final Four this year and for your work with sports features.

To Christian Cortez and Izaac Downie, thanks for picking up the slack as copy desk chiefs. I know that some of the stories may have been rough, but at least you got through them and had more than a few laughs along the way. Izaac, thanks for joining the A-T at Barley & Hops most Tuesdays.

Lela Meinke, you continue to impress me with your hard work, and you have shown that you can write just as good of a story as just about everyone else in the A-T even though you just started. I know that one day, you will become editor-in-chief of the paper.

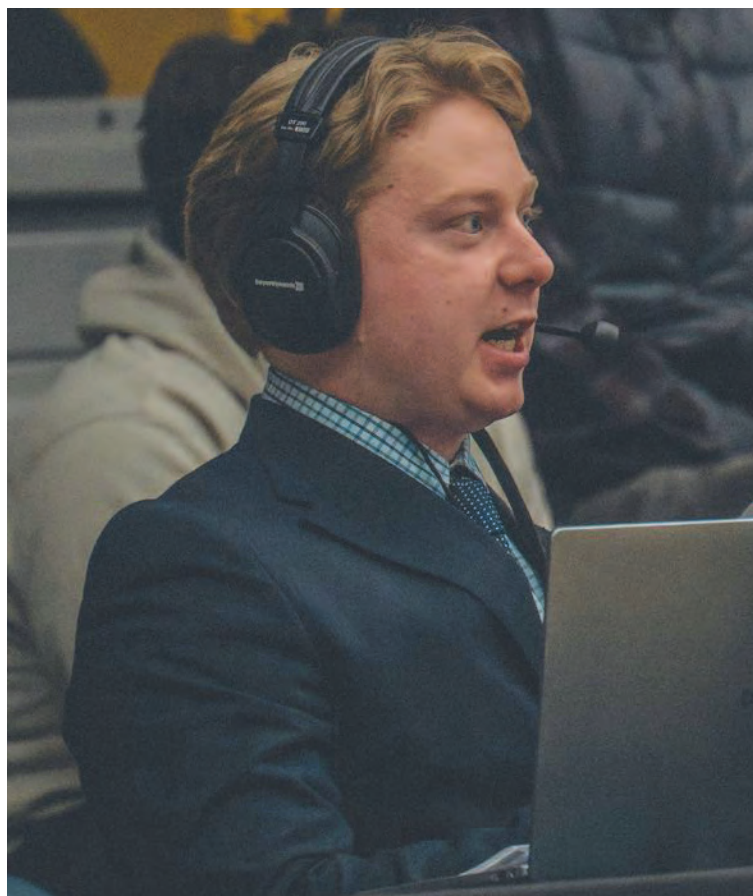
To Reagan Nelson and Jess Duch, thanks for putting up with the loud and crazy meetings every Tuesday. Both of you somehow manage to keep a straight face while insanity breaks loose.

To Suzanne Dawood and Cassidy Johnson, thank you for holding down the Arts and Culture and Opinion sections. Suzy, keep educating students in "Sex in the 920." Cassidy, you've been around for quite some time in the A-T, and I feel like with every story, you continue to become a stronger writer. You already do so much for the Oshkosh Herald, and I have no doubt that you'll find success after college.

To Nolan Andler, thanks for being the office's "Big Bear" and for putting a smile on your face whenever I see you. I am so glad that Nolan Swenson and I adopted you as our son, and later, Josh Lechner became your second dad. I have seen exponential growth in your writing abilities from when you first started, and I want you to know how much you mean to the entire staff.

To Vladyslav Plyaka, thank you for being my managing editor. When you first got involved in the newspaper all those years ago, I could already tell that you had both the leadership qualities and the writing abilities to become the first-ever international student as editor-in-chief next school year. After you graduate, let me know when I can fly to Ukraine to drink that bottle of vodka with you.

To the Fantastic Four, Zach Bel-



Jacob Link / Advance-Titan

The Advance-Titan Editor-in-Chief Jacob Link calls a basketball game on Titan TV earlier this school year.

lin will always be "The Thing" to me while Dylan Przybylski will be the "Human Torch" and Josh Lenher will always be the "Sue Storm" to my "Reed Richards." As a group, we have had some crazy experiences, almost all are not fit to print. From Linkapolooza to the Shibbyparty, we have some stories that are literally straight out of "Animal House." I'll never forget all of the time we spent in both the office, and crawling, yes literally crawling, around Oshkosh at night.

Zach, I'm so proud of you for deciding to take an upper-level position like managing editor next year after starting as distribution. Thanks for making me seem funny and laughing at my jokes when they definitely are not.

Dylan, you and I have gotten so much closer this past year, and I have enjoyed doing literally everything in Radio TV Film and the A-T with you. You are like a Swiss army knife and can do anything that you put your mind to. I know you'll work your behind off with the Green Bay Packers.

Josh, just like with Nolan, you've become one of my closest A-T friends. I can't believe you went from being a shy writer in the back of the room that doesn't say

anything to co-hosting a Pub Crawl party and moving in with me. I'll never forget going to Oblio's Lounge after production night to transitioning to being regulars at Barley & Hops with the Fantastic Four. You and I have run some of the most legendary and random side quests, and I can't wait to see what you do in the professional world.

Katie Pulvermacher, we finally come to you. You got to read the entire piece before you finally found your name in the shoutouts. I could write another entire article about what our friendship has meant to me. Nobody has pulled me through the A-T like you have and kept me going when I wanted to quit. Thank you so much for believing in me and teaching me the ropes of what an editor-in-chief does. You are indeed my best friend from the Advance-Titan, and I'm so glad to have met you at the first meeting. I can't wait to see what crazy stories we come up with after I graduate.

Well, I never said this thing was going to be short. If there's one thing that A-T readers should know by now is that I never write a short article.

Thank you, Advance-Titan for the best five years of my life.



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Your College Sex Guru.

Finding a balance

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Welcome to Sex In-The-920! I'm the Carrie Bradshaw of UW-Oshkosh, or your college sex guru. With everyone having their own life, having a relationship and welcoming someone into yours can be difficult. Finding that balance is always hard because you want to give love to someone new, but also your friends and to yourself all at once.

Prioritizing yourself should always be your number one priority because at the end of the day all you ever have is yourself. However, you should make room for a person if you want a relationship in your life. So, I couldn't help but wonder, how can you balance life and a relationship all at once?

For starters, it is important to welcome another person into your life. Communicating each other's schedules is a beneficial aspect when building a relationship. While prioritizing a relationship is important, you have to prioritize other things in life also. Picking out days is most important.

There are seven days in a week, which means there are seven opportunities to make plans, do homework, go to work and do other things. When

looking from a student's perspective, with a job, each week really is different. My partner and I will often talk about what our week looks like on Monday, and make plans from there. And I do the same with my friends! For example, I worked on Monday, and I had to prioritize my homework also, but I haven't seen my partner in a few days. So after work, my partner and I did homework together, and went on a little study date!

Every relationship is different. Some couples hang out everyday, and that's okay, and some hang out once a week, or once every two weeks, and that is still okay. What is best for you and your relationship is most important. It can be difficult letting inside voices in on your relationship, but always remember it is truly just yours and your partners at the end of the day.

And just like that, my question was answered. The best way to ultimately balance life and a relationship is to take it week by week. As I mentioned, each week looks different, so making plans really far in advance could be problematic. It is also important to try to take at least one day a week to yourself. Remember you are your own individual person, not your partner.

Does size matter?

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Welcome to Sex In-The-920! I'm the Carrie Bradshaw of UW-Oshkosh, or your college sex guru. Now, I've been asked this question so many times. By my friends and especially the A-T Staff. So this is for them! When looking at size on your partner, regardless of top size, to even the size of them, it all doesn't ultimately matter.

So, I couldn't help but wonder, how big is too big when having sex? To be clear, I'm not talking about weight. My honest opinion is that size doesn't matter, all that matters is how they are able to use

it. Sex is a fun, playful thing, you still want it to feel good, and having it be too big can be painful. Sometimes mega plus tampons hurt! Having it too big where it is unbelievable is honestly not right.

Also, you have to keep in mind, size is something they cannot control. They are born with what they are born with. If size is an issue, it truly is a performance thing.

And just like that, my question is answered. To keep this answer short, size does not matter. All that matters is your comfort with your partner, and how they perform during sex. If you truly love them, size will not matter, and neither will anything else.

Senior sendoffs Signing off in style

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I never wanted to be a journalist.

In fact, if you told me four years ago that I would be in love with newspapers, I would genuinely call you crazy. I'm always in love with a variety of things and I had a difficulty choosing my major, so I went safe and chose communications. Although I don't regret this decision, I can confidently say that working at the Advance-Titan opened completely changed by career path. Four years ago, I walked into the Advance-Titan newsroom as a timid sophomore that had never written a story in my life.

What brought me there was a job posting for web editor that one of my communications professors had posted on Canvas. Broke and intrigued, I took the jump and interviewed to be the web editor for something called the Advance-Titan, which ended up being UW-Oshkosh's independent student newspaper.

How funny that something so integral in my college career and life was something that I'd never even heard about at the beginning of my college journey? With zero experience, I took on my role as web editor and ended up really enjoying it. Revamping the website and the newsletter satiated my love for graphic design, but that hunger soon returned, and only grew as I went to more meetings.

I was enamored by the electric energy of the newsroom at those meetings. I would watch like a spectator as all of the editors and staff writers would throw story ideas around, share new information and speak in hushed tones about secrets slipped under the door.

Feeling like I was missing out on something special, it didn't take long before I decided I wanted off the sidelines and in on the action.

I started participating in meetings and writing stories, and a fire was lit within me that I haven't been able to put out since. Before I knew it, I was the opinion editor the next year, and am now the arts and culture editor — though not for long.

I couldn't believe it. I was writing all my own stories, taking all of my own photos, creating my own graphics, and laying it all out on Adobe InDesign? For the first time ever, my future became clear. I always thought that I would have to do each of these careers separately, but I found a home in journalism where I could combine all the things I love. Not only that, but I found a home with a group of hilarious, crazy, hard-working and talented people.

To my sweet Suzy: keep writing that sex column! Your ingenuity, authenticity and confidence truly inspires me, and I could not be more grateful for our friendship. You have grown so much, and I can't wait for you to take over my section. It feels great to leave knowing the arts and culture section is in good hands, and I can't wait to see how you make the sec-



Vladyslav Plyaka / Advance-Titan
A-T editors Suzanne Dawood and Cassidy Johnson.

tion your own. If I had any advice, it would be to just keep being you. I can't wait to continue being besties!

Vlad, you're going to be a great editor-in-chief. You are one of the smartest and strongest people I know, and I can't wait to see what your future holds. Thank you for always making me laugh, and for being a shoulder to cry on. And for your rides back from the A-T! I know next year will be a lot, but if there's anyone who can do it, it's you. Ballerina Cappuccino.

To my wonderful staff writers, Natalia and Ana, thank you times a million. Going from writing my own stories every week to having both of you to rely on for stories every week has genuinely been life-changing. You are both such amazing, reliable writers and I couldn't ask for a better team. Natalia — you are so fun, sweet and hard-working. Ana — you are so tenacious, kind and funny. I can't wait to see what you both do at the A-T, and for our friendship to blossom outside of the workplace.

Zach — thank you for always clocking me. You are truly so funny, and I always appreciate your honesty. It's been fun sitting next to you this semester.

Jacob — Wow. We're the last of a generation, and I can't believe we've been working together for four years. You are a great leader, and so incredibly funny. I can't wait to see you take on the journalism world, both print and broadcast. Thanks for being a great editor-in-chief.

To everyone else — thank you for the memories. I've had so much fun hanging out with you guys every Tuesday.

After four years of equal parts stress and fun every Tuesday, I truly don't know what I'll do on Tuesdays any more. I might have to join a Tuesday-only circus to help me wean off. But seriously, the A-T will always hold an incredibly special place in my heart. Thank you for all of the memories. This is your arts and culture editor signing off.

Co-sports editor bids A-T farewell

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My start in student print media is more unconventional than most students. I started writing for the Advance-Titan as a freshman, but only wrote two stories because Cory Sparks recommended me to write. I then focused my time on Titan TV and working a lot in the Radio TV Film program.

Sparks got me started and he never got to see me become assistant sports editor or co-sports editor, but here I am writing this saying I have held both titles.

The editor in chief Jacob Link got me back into the print media my senior year. He has become one of my closest friends and has seen me grow as a writer. I have grown as a writer because of him. From traveling to San Francisco via flight to an unforgettable road trip to Virginia all in the same month. I have

made so many memories with you and I can't wait to make many more.

The current news editor Zach Bellin was the co-sports editor when I returned to the paper. He allowed me to get my footing back in print media and write for the sports section. I can't wait to see you continue to write in the fall. Without the opportunities he gave me I wouldn't be writing this sendoff.

Josh Lehner, Link, Bellin and I were known as the "Fantastic Four" by the other editors. Link being Reed Richards (Mr. Fantastic), Lehner being Sue Storm (Invisible Woman), Bellin being Ben Grimm (The Thing) and I as Johnny Storm (The Human Torch).

Yes we asked Bellin what time it is where he would reply, "It's Clobbering Time!"

The times that we have shared together, I will never forget. The memories that we have made because of the A-T will be carried with me well past graduation. I am beyond blessed

and grateful to have you guys as some of my best friends, that I will have post graduation.

To my co-sports editor Nolan "Big Bear" Andler, thank you for allowing me to work with you. I can't wait to see you continue your college career with the A-T.

To Vladyslav Plyaka, good luck next year as editor-in-chief. I know you will do great things and I can't wait to see how you continue to produce the A-T.

To Lela Meinke I can't wait to see the stories you pursue during your A-T career.

Anyone who isn't graduating that I haven't mentioned, I want to leave you with some words of encouragement. Continue the great work I know that you are all capable of. I'm so proud that I have met you all and got the chance to work with everyone. I know you will all do a fantastic job on the paper.

It's time for me to take my first steps into the future and "Flame On" to the world of grad-



Justice Cyr / Advance-Titan
Dylan Przybylski takes photos during the women's basketball Final Four.

uation, but I'm so grateful to have been a part of such a family, the first family at UW-Oshkosh.



Jacob Link / Advance-Titan

A-T editors Jacob Link (left), Zach Bellin (middle left), Josh Lehner (middle right), Dylan Przybylski enjoy a drink at Obilo's Lounge in downtown Oshkosh.

Best bars in Oshkosh

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The Fox Valley has the best drinking culture in the entire United States.

In 2016, CBS News put Appleton at the top of its “20 drunkest cities in America” and had Oshkosh right behind it at No. 2.

For the past year, Advance-Titan editors Jacob Link, Dylan Przybylski and Zach Bellin have traveled to every bar in Oshkosh to learn more about the historic culture of drinking within the city.

Here is the complete Advance-Titan Oshkosh bar rankings from the perspective of college students:

1. Molly McGuire's

Molly's is a staple for UW-Oshkosh college students because this bar has it all. They have the best dance floor in all of Oshkosh, probably the best DJs and song selection in the city, and who can't resist their food – especially the \$1.50 burger nights.

It's also one of the closest bars to campus and is just across the street from multiple other food options. While the drink selection isn't the best in the city, it's definitely one of the cheapest, especially with the \$5 pitcher deals and the all-you-can-drink specials they have just about every other weekend. Oh, and ladies drink free on Wednesdays.

They also have all the necessary bar games like slots, pool, darts and a black jack machine for those who aren't looking to just dance. If someone truly wanted to be an alcoholic, go to Molly's for the specials they have every day of the week.

2. Fletch's Local Tap House / The Varsity Club

While its dance floor isn't as large as Molly's, Fletch's is an awesome place for live music and combines a college bar atmosphere with plenty of locals who stop in. The bar also extends outside and it's a super chill spot to hang out on summer nights with a drink.

The cornhole board and fireplace is also a nice touch. Inside, there's a door that opens up right into The Varsity Club, the only true pool-hall in Oshkosh. They have really good food that you can take between the two bars, and on your birthday you can get a free mug and drink for free (and play free pool) all night.

3. Jerry's Bar

As one of the oldest continually operating bars in Oshkosh, this one is a classic. There's nothing better than stopping past Jerry's on a cold February afternoon during sturgeon spearing season and cracking open

a cold one with the locals.

Although it may take a few beers to get them to respect you as a college student, they'll never forget who you are when you stop back in three weeks later.

They have a surprising variety of beer and the bartenders can make just about any cocktail you ask for. It's the people at this place that make it what it is, and it's the reason why Jerry's, even though it might look like a hole in the wall, is one of the best in the city.

4. Barley & Hops

Barley & Hops is not a bar that you'll hear UW-Oshkosh students talking about, but this place welcomes you in like it's your home away from home.

The bartenders are super friendly and they'll remember your order by the third time you go in there.

The shot wheel is a classic with a large group, and the shot-ski is a must-have whenever you're in there.

Also, they have a dog and a cat that just wander around the bar during most nights looking to put a smile on your face. They have plenty of dart boards, slots, a blackjack table and TouchTunes to keep you entertained at the bar, and offer the only \$1 beer-vending machine in Oshkosh.

5. Kelly's Bar

You can't get closer to campus than this place. Kelly's is basically in the parking lot of UWO's Gruenhagen Conference Center and is the perfect place to stop in for a drink either between classes or right after your professor lets you out after class.

Truthfully, “Kelly's for one” never ends up with you drinking just one. That's because it's super easy to make new friends with the college-aged patrons that frequent the bar, and you'll probably run into them either at other bars or on campus.

They have some of the most fun theme nights such as the classic “beach night” where they pour sand on the floor or the graduation weekend beer garden that features a huge beer tent and live music.

6. Mabel Murphy's

Mabel Murphy's doesn't look like much on the outside, but inside, it has a great atmosphere for college students. It's one of the best spots to go on your birthday because of the giant Long Island Iced Teas you get for free, and make sure to get your “I Malörted” sticker after a shot of Jeppson's Malört.

One of the A-T editors enjoys this spot a little too much on their birth-

day and has puked in the same bush outside the past three years.

The newly renovated rooftop bar is a must for the summer time, and they usually have concerts over the summer as well. Even though it's located a little far from campus, it's the perfect spot to begin your trek down Main Street after a little pre-game.

7. Pete's Garage

The second you get off the interstate and into Oshkosh, you can smell the Pete's Garage Bar grill working on its iconic burgers all the way until the bar closes. Every day. With plenty of tap and bottled beer options, as well as an extensive food menu, they're sure to have food and drink that satisfies everyone.

8. Slades

When you walk into Slades, it screams sports bar. Televisions all around the bar, free popcorn and sports memorabilia spread all around.

There is a cornhole board to play outside with an area to sit with an outside bar. Slades has a pool table, multiple dart boards and slot machines to keep you busy while your favorite team is playing.

The crowd is easy to talk to since they are all big time sports fans. The unique feel of Slades being cash only adds to the aesthetic of the bar.

9. The Reptile Palace

There is no other bar in Oshkosh that comes close to being compared to The Reptile Palace. It feels like a rough place when you walk in, but the regulars are just big teddy bears. The bartenders are super nice to first-time visitors, and every weekend, there's a different group that performs on the stage.

While some of the spots the A-T visited looked at the editors like zoo animals, this place actually welcomed the younger audience and was proud to showcase the establishment's history.

Sometimes the live music won't be exactly what you're into, but it's impressive to see everyday people performing what they want to. Reptile Palace is a super cool punk bar that is surprisingly fun the first time you're in there.

10. Oblios Lounge

Oblios has been a bar since the 1800s, and that history can be felt as soon as you walk in the door.

It's the only place in Oshkosh that you can find Schlitz on tap, paying homage to its original name of “Schlitz Beer Hall.” All around the bar there's old memorabilia, and pictures all over the place of the bar throughout its history.

This place literally makes it look

like the intro of “Cheers” was filmed in downtown Oshkosh.

11. Witzke's Bar

The newly renovated Witzke's, which originally opened in 1973, truly has improved in every level. Providing customers with an extensive selection of tap beer and food, you're bound to have a great time.

The bar is spacious enough to accommodate for the large crowds it draws in and is one of the highlights of Oregon Street. What it lacks in games to play like a blocked off Darts board, is made up by their variety of options when it comes to drinks.

12. Distillery Pub

Distillery Pub or more commonly known as “D Pub” to locals and college students is either your first bar of the night or the last bar of the night. The cheap drinks are what makes this place a perfect drinking spot, two dollar cherry bombs and dollar mystery shots. The bartenders are super friendly and will talk to you for most of the night.

13. Anjie's Bar

It's very easy to miss Anjie's Bar when you're driving on Ohio Street; it looks like it's inside someone's house. But inside, it's a classic bar that brings you back to Oshkosh in the 1920s and 1930s. The bartenders and locals have hours of stories about Anjie's, including a book about Oshkosh bars that they brought out for the A-T editors to read while enjoying a Schlitz.

This place still has a tunnel that was used during prohibition to hide customers from the police.

Like many of the bars on this list, it's the history of Anjie's that keeps its regulars coming back, and it is an honor to be a part of that history as a first-time visitor.

14. Back Again Stadium Bar

Our experience at Back Again Stadium Bar started with \$1.50 bottles of beer. It doesn't get much better than that.

From the outside the place looks like a house placed in the middle of the neighborhood on Knapp Street, but the inside is quite spacious and holds plenty of slot machines, along with a pool table.

It's worth the trip if you're looking for an experience with locals, nice bartenders and cheap drinks.

15. Sturgeon Sprits

If you're looking for a new cocktail to try then Sturgeon Sprits is the place for you, with over 350 different cocktails to choose from.

A great variety of board games to play while enjoying a drink. Grab a

cribbage board, order a whiskey old fashioned and enjoy the traditional pop music.

16. Lyon's Lounge

While Lyon's Lounge just reopened not too long ago after it burned down, there's been a bar at this spot for a very long time.

The locals are very proud of Lyon's history, and the bartender even pulled out a laminated posterboard that dove into the story of the place. The drinks were some of the cheapest in Oshkosh, and the warmth of the regulars at Lyon's Lounge make it worthy of at least a drink there.

17. Dublin's Irish Pub

Going to Dublin's Irish Pub on St. Patrick's Day is a must. The atmosphere of this bar is like no other with special drink selections for St. Patrick's Day.

They had live Irish folk music for people to enjoy during the day. If you have a Guinness try and split the G.

18. B&E Lounge

The hole in the wall, cash only bar known as B&E Lounge provides customers with cheap drinks and incredible conversation.

It's in the middle of what should be known as “The Oregon Trail” on Oregon Street and plays especially well during baseball season. You'll catch extremely passionate Brewer fans sitting at the bar or at the slot machines and can enjoy their daily happy hour.

19. Electric Lounge

Electric Lounge markets itself as a dance club, which is really unique for Oshkosh, making it more than just your average bar. It's an interesting mix of locals and a few college kids at the place, and drinks are very cheap.

The dance floor can be fun when it's busy, and one of the Advance-Titan editors may have gotten grinded on by a middle-aged woman. It's such a different vibe than any other bar in the city, and it has boogied its way inside the top 20.

20. Bottoms Up

The only reason this one is No. 20 is because it has a surprisingly large drink selection, and it opens at 6 a.m. daily.

Once the bars close at 2:30 a.m., you only have to go to the “after bar” for less than four hours before you can start drinking again. Also, it's a good spot to start on Pub Crawl morning. Make sure to check out the men's bathroom there too.