

Opinion

“Whatcha Think?”

What annoys you most about budget cuts?



Madison Wright, Junior

“The most annoying thing is the budget cuts affecting those with accommodations. Our access to take exams and quizzes in the newly-built cubbies for Project Success is limited, essentially wasting the money that was spent on it in the first place.”



Ian Montague, Freshman

“What annoys me most about the budget cuts is the people enforcing them and all the staff that was laid off and furloughed because of it. It’s definitely not a good look for the university to facilitate that decision either.”



Savannah Hardy, Freshman

“I would say that the most annoying thing about the budget cuts is that it cuts money from the smaller organizations which is what allows them to run, so without these funds they are unable to continue their organization. But most importantly it leads to questions about what the future will look like for UW Oshkosh. How will that affect the classes that are available in the future and so forth?”



Angela Satterlee, Junior

“The most annoying thing about the budget cuts is that we somehow don’t have enough money to support the 140+ staff members we laid off, but we have millions to drop on some building remodels.”

La Crosse chancellor’s OnlyFans: Wrongful termination?

By Advance-Titan Staff
atitan@uwosh.edu

On Dec. 27 of last year, UW-LaCrosse Chancellor Joe Gow was fired for his participation in the subscription-based porn site OnlyFans. Ever since the news broke, debates have sparked about the morality of sex workers in the education system as well as the treatment of sex-workers in both public and professional contexts. As students also a part of the University of Wisconsin System, it’s safe to say we at the Advance-Titan have a lot of opinions and mixed feelings on the subject, specifically about whether or not he was wrongfully terminated.

Many members of staff believe that Gow’s termination was unfair for many reasons.

One major consensus is that he has the right to do whatever he wants in his free time, with one staff member saying “Gow’s termination is a violation to his right to privacy,” and what he does when he leaves work is his business.

Most members also believe that his involvement in the porn industry has nothing to do with his job performance, especially considering UW-LaCrosse is doing a lot better than we are in the debt department. “Given that the chancellor is adequately leading the university, there is nothing wrong with them engaging in this behavior in a way that is separate from the university,” one staff member said “However, I would question the priorities and time management if the chancellor was letting the university plummet while they spend a lot of time on their OnlyFans account.” This was not the case for Gow, yet he was still terminated.

Along with making sure his sex

work doesn’t affect his job performance, Gow made a point to keep these two “personas” separate. For one, his content is uploaded to a subscription-based platform, meaning it cannot be accessed by accident — or at all — unless it’s paid for first. As one A-T staff member said: “If you don’t want to see his sex work, don’t look at it and especially don’t pay for it. He has the right to do what he wants with his body and really, it shouldn’t be up to the Board of Regents to decide if it’s okay for him to make money with it.”

The same member went on to explain how it would obviously be a much different situation “if he had been recording the porn on campus or asking students to participate in the videos — that would be a different situation.” It seems as though Gow has no problem with keeping the two separate, so why can’t the Board of Regents do the same?

Beyond wrongful termination, one member also believes that this is a symptom of a much bigger problem, and that this is proof that sex workers still aren’t respected by society. They go on to reframe the problem as a sex-negative Board of Regents rather than an “impertinent” chancellor, describing a simi-



Michael Buckner / Advance-Titan

lar situation in which his hard work was overshadowed by their anti-sex thinking. “He was the longest serving chancellor in the system, yet he was denied a performance pay raise in 2018 after inviting a sex worker to speak on campus,” they said this was more of a demonstration on expanding the university’s free speech policies rather than a porn star meet-and-greet.

However, even members of staff who claim this to be wrongful termination feel as though Gow should’ve been prepared for the consequences since sex work is still a taboo in today’s culture, especially in a professional and educational context. One member of staff said, “In a university setting, professionals should be able to do sex work on the side if they want, but they should be mindful of how that re-

flects on them and their institution.” Another went more in depth, saying “The Chancellor of a university is supposed to be a figurehead for the school. So, when they do something disgraceful, their role as leader of the university needs to be questioned.”

Everyone can agree that this type of behavior wouldn’t be okay if he were working with minors, but this situation is interesting because although he works in education, he works only with adults. Is Gow’s termination a result of his public position, or is any worker at risk of being terminated for doing sex work on the side? Does this have more to do with the sex-negative attitudes of the Board of Regents itself, or is this about saving the universities’ reputation?

Don’t take away our Scotty’s

By Cassidy Johnson
johnsonca51@uwosh.edu

There’s been a few rumors going around that Scotty’s Market is being replaced, and I’m sad to say that the rumors are true. According to a Scotty’s worker, the renovations will begin around the start of spring break and are estimated to be completed by September 2024.

We’ve all heard that Scotty’s is being replaced by a chicken place, and the Food Committee here on campus has said that it’s being turned into some sort of vending-machine-plaza where students get their sandwiches pre-made and pre-packaged from a machine. According to a Scotty’s worker, it’s actually going to be a combination of the two.

The chicken place is going to replace The Point sub stand and Titan Taco, and the vending machines are going to overtake Scotty’s marketplace.

I can’t speak for everyone here, but I personally like choosing what I put on my sub and knowing that it’s fresh. Scotty’s and Reeve already have a plethora of pre-packaged sandwiches; I can’t imagine why we’d need more.

As for the chicken place idea, Clash Burger, Titan Underground, Pizza Hut and Blackhawk Commons always have a variety of

chicken meals to choose from.

While I understand the rationale that we already have the Sub Stand and Chilaca in Reeve, I know I’m not alone when I say I much prefer going to The Point and Titan Taco. I can see Reeve from my room, but I still choose to walk to Scotty’s whenever I have the time.

One thing we definitely don’t need more of, however, is vending machines. There’s at least two vending machines in almost every dorm and academic building on campus already, and you can presently get chicken in some form at every single food place at Reeve.

I already get upset when the vending machines don’t drop my \$1.50 Kit Kat — I can’t imagine how frustrating it would be for the same thing to happen to a \$5-6 sandwich.

Besides the practical disadvantages, Scotty’s also just holds a special place in my heart. When I lived in the Scotts my freshman year, the one thing I always could look forward to after a long day of classes was one of their fresh subs and the smiling faces of the staff. Even on the weekends, Titan Taco always had a batch of warm nachos waiting for me.

While the majority of the Aladdin food staff here at University Wisconsin Oshkosh are exceptional, Scotty’s staff had a special op-



Cassidy Johnson / Advance-Titan

A student grabs a sub sandwich from The Point after class.

portunity to make it their own; and that they did. Constantly playing good music and always adorning Scotty’s with glistening lights and fun decorations, the staff went out of their way to make Scotty’s cozy and welcoming to freshmen. They achieved this not only by the physical environment, but also through their kindness, lively conversation, and smiling faces.

The worst part is that the university isn’t waiting until we’re out of this 18-million hole to act on these

changes, not that we’re even in a spot to be thinking about renovations. Moreover, since Scotty’s is open to the public and the Scotts has hosted things like EAA in the past, we also have to wonder how these changes will affect Scotty’s revenue.

I know it’s hard for us Scotty’s lovers to stay positive in a time like this, but remember that you still have until the Friday before spring break to get all the subs, nachos, and PB&J’s your heart desires.