

# NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



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# The Price is Right for Saša Miladinovic

Student Aleksandra Miladinovic answers questions about her time as a contestant

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**Q: How did you get the opportunity to be on the show? What were you doing in Los Angeles?**

**A:** I was in Los Angeles because I was there for an LA connection. It's an interim program offered through the school. So on the itinerary that we had, we did have to go to the taping of The Price is Right. So, I went, and it was such an extensive process. But that's pretty much why I was in LA.

**Q: Explain the process by which you had to take in order to get on the show.**

**A:** So we got there really early, and we just had to fill out a ton of paperwork. And after that the waiting process just started. We got piled into these park benches kind of, and then they took us in groups eventually of like 10, and the producer came down one by one kind of just asking "Hey, what are you here for?" and "What's your favorite game on the show?" and things like that. He could see that we were all college kids, so like, we were already the odd ones out. He goes to me and says "What's your favorite game on 'The Price is Right'?" so I just kind of pulled it out of wherever and went "My favorite game is Grocery Bingo because your girl is a college student, and she's gotta eat!" So after we waited, they finally piled us into the taping. They gave us some rules, and then the show was about to start. And all of a sudden they hold up a cue card when the show starts, and I'm the first contestant to be called down.

**Q: What was it like being**



UWO student Aleksandra (Saša) Miladonovic answers questions from Drew Carey and spins the wheel.

**a contestant on 'The Price is Right'?**

**A:** It just entailed a lot of emotions, a lot of excitement, a lot of nerves. I was

very nervous. Especially when I got to the showcase because I didn't expect to be there. So I'm just sitting there trying to add up all these costs. Everyone is

super nice. Drew Carey, he apologized because he was saying my name wrong. So being on the show was very, very nerve-wracking.

**Q: How is actually being on the show different from what we view on TV?**

**A:** Oh, my gosh. The difference is just like — I feel

as a viewer of the show — if you're just watching it on TV, you don't get that emotionally invested and connected to something. You don't see what the contestants are going through. They're probably thinking the same things, like "Oh my gosh, what am I going to do if I win this car?" or whatever the prize is. So I think that's the really big difference: as a normal viewer, you don't see what the contestants are going through, but even the audience members at the actual taping of it, you can tell they're emotionally invested in it as well. You're not gonna be screaming and shouting from your couch.

**Q: What were some of your favorite parts of being on the show?**

**A:** To put it into simplest terms, I don't know; there's not one particular moment. What genuinely gets me is the fact that I didn't make it all the way to the final showcase. Actually no; backtrack everything I said. Spinning the wheel is literally the best part of being on the show. Whether you pass that stage or not, spinning that wheel is iconic. It's heavy, I had to use all my force to spin it.

**Q: What did you win?**

**A:** In the grand scheme of things, I ended up taking home — although I have to wait a couple more months for it — I ended up taking home \$1,000 and then the Apple Watch and then the subscription that comes with it.

**Q: Is there anything that I missed that you'd like to add?**

**A:** That I just look like a crazy woman! I look like I'm really excited to be on the show, which I know they look for that. But I don't regret it; it was so much fun. It was definitely a once-in-a-lifetime thing.

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## Level Up! provides safe space for all diversities in gaming

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The UW Oshkosh Women's Center is providing a safe space for women and minority gamers with the weekly Level Up! event held every Tuesday from 6-8 p.m.

Women's Center Program Assistant and Level Up! founder Eliza Farrow said they have always been interested in video games, and it's something people don't look at as critically as other media.

"When Alicia Johnson came on board as director, she really pushed me to make commitments to helping out and learning about media literacy, diversity, representation, community," Farrow said.

UWO psychology major and Level Up! intern Mckayla Zellmer said there's never a shortage of top-

ics, and the discussion always goes until the end.

"There's plenty of content that people don't think of until you're sitting there," Zellmer said.

Farrow said the students are very engaged in the discussions.

"A lot of people really look forward to it every week because it's a place they can come and feel safe and talk about something they like," Farrow said. "It builds numbers in terms of people coming."

UWO women and gender studies major Zach Simonson said this wasn't his first time attending and explained why he keeps coming back to Level Up!

"The first time, I actually interned at the Women's Center to help run this," Simonson said. "I heard about it with my friend, and

they said it was really good. It talked about stuff you don't normally hear about in gaming."

Farrow said the center always wants to educate and reach out to as many people as possible.

"The goal is to shift the culture and you can't do that with just a few people," Farrow said. "That's why we tell people to go out and talk about what they learned to their family and friends."

UWO anthropology major and Level Up! intern Samantha Moore said she wanted to make an impact when she became an intern.

"I feel like it's impacted me so much, and I wanted to help impact other people," Moore said. "It's a way for me to do that, and I can also get that experience and contribute."

Zellmer said it's important to discuss topics like online toxicity, gender roles and gender identity because there is under-representation in video games.

"Bringing more light to the lack of diversity and showing that it's not that there's a lack of people in these groups playing the games, it's that there's a lack of representation of those people in these games," Zellmer said.

Simonson said Level Up! goes into topics that people don't often care about in games.

"Capitalism in this one," Simonson said. "Accessibility is another one, portrayals of body types. It's a lot of different things that a lot of people don't know what to think about in gaming. It makes for a really interesting conversation when

you look at it. We all come in and talk about it together."

Farrow said it's important to talk about topics that include representation because the media we consume has real-world impacts.

"All our media influences us in some ways," Farrow said. "It's really important to take a look and see what video games are saying, and what are they teaching us. If we're not careful and we're not actively thinking about it, what are we consuming?"

Moore said there is so much pushback when it comes to representation in video games.

"I think it's really important to make a safe space for people to express these feelings and analyze this without fearing the repercussions."

## UWO to host 13 events for sexual assault awareness month

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UW Oshkosh will be hosting 13 events in April for Sexual Assault Awareness Month; the student organization, Campus for Awareness and Relationship Education will also be hosting informational meetings each Monday in April from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Events include a poster contest sponsored by Peer Wellness Educators; "Cover the Cruiser" sponsored by Campus Victims Advocate Ciara Hill and University Police; and a Women of Color rally that will discuss dating violence in the Hmong community.

Campus Victims Advocate Ciara Hill said Sexual Assault Awareness Month is important because it increases student awareness about how to prevent sexual assaults.

"The best thing you can do is to do your part and make sure you're knowledgeable and familiarize yourself with resources, so you can be that support for someone if you have a friend that has experienced sexual assault," Hill said.

Assistant Director of Health Promotion Juliana Kahrs said she and Women's Center Director Alicia Johnson are assembling a campus leadership team of students, faculty and staff to assess campus sexual violence prevention and response.

"The Culture of Respect team will work with our campus leadership team to identify priorities and develop an action plan," Kahrs said. "Our campus leadership team will implement changes over the course of a year and then complete the assessment again to

see how far we have come. From start to finish, this initiative will take approximately two years."

The Culture of Respect Collective is a national initiative focused on ending campus sexual violence.

Hill said she is partnering with the UP, CARE and U-Matter to sponsor the "Cover the Cruiser" event on April 10 from 11-1 p.m., where students will be able to pledge that they will always ask for consent.

"What this is is a way for students to be aware that, 'Okay [police are] someone I can trust,'" Hill said. "That's a big barrier in students coming forward and seeking justice legally because they're afraid of that process and what's going to happen when they go to the police moving forward."

Kahrs said the poster con-

test was created as a way for students to share their ideas about how the campus can better respond to sexual assaults.

"The deadline is April 30, 2019," Kahrs said. "Please send PDF files to wellness@uwosh.edu. We will announce the winner within a week after the deadline."

UWO McNair Scholar Amanda Vue will be presenting her research on dating violence in the Hmong community at the Women's Center from 4 to 5 p.m. on April 17.

"As a member of the Hmong community, I saw firsthand the effects of domestic violence," Vue said. "It is considered a taboo topic, and it didn't help that the patriarchy was rooted deep into family traditions and beliefs."

Vue said she surveyed Hmong adults between the

ages of 18 and 30 regarding their thoughts, perceptions and attitudes on dating violence.

"I was able to collect about 62 participants in the survey, many of whom were females, and interview three Hmong females," Vue said. "Many of them agreed that it was a serious issue in the Hmong community, where there needs to be more education within the older generation to understand the patriarchal values placed in the Hmong culture."

Hill said the University offers options for victims of sexual assault including the Counseling Center and rape aggression defense classes.

Hill said the Counseling Center is an excellent resource because they can provide ongoing counseling.

"I see students recurrently, but they are able to get to the

core of the trauma, and they're confident," Hill said.

Hill said Rape Aggression Defense [RAD] classes are self-defense classes that help victims regain a sense of security after experiencing a trauma.

"Some people that have experienced sexual assault think the only way for them to feel safe is making sure they can protect themselves," Hill said.

Hill said sexual assault is propagated by rape culture in the United States, where victims are blamed or not taken seriously.

"After talking to each of the clients I try to make sure they know that it wasn't their fault and that they're not alone," Hill said. "Other people have experienced what they have experienced, and it's going to be okay. There's a light at the end of the tunnel."



# UWV international students share their culture



ABOVE: Elva Ng gets her display ready featuring a traditional Malaysian drink called air bandung. BOTTOM: Students pose in front of their poster for UW-Fox Valley's fifth international student event.

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International students presented poster boards with information about their culture and taught students how to play games from their native countries at UW-Fox Valley's fifth international student event on March 14.

There are currently 108 international students from 14 different countries enrolled at UWV including China, South Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Taiwan, Venezuela, Vietnam, Pakistan, Panama, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Peru and Uganda.

International Student Coordinator Sarah Christensen said the event was important because it gave international students a chance to bring their culture to campus.

"Sometimes [international students] sit in class with students in their normal classes, and they don't get to teach them about their culture," Christensen said. "This event is about teaching fun games and activities and sharing food and getting a chance to interact with each other and share their culture with American students."

Christensen said the event encouraged cultural understanding.

"Sometimes I think [domestic] students don't know what to say or how to talk to an international student," Christensen said, "Hopefully it promotes that interaction. Hopefully when they see each other in class they will be more willing to talk to each other and open up."

Christensen said the event gave UWV professors a chance to interact with students that they might not have in class.

"Some of our faculty in the past have come, and they've done research in some of the countries that the students are from, but they might not teach them in class," Christensen said. "The students get really excited when people have been to their countries."

Christensen said this event was part of the class she teaches for first-semester international students who were required to make a poster as a group and present in front of the class before the event.

"They learn about group work and how fun and challenging that can be. It's just really to teach a part of their culture, and they do this event," Christensen said. "It works really well because it's graded, and it's part

of their class project, but it also exposes them to American students in their first semester."

Kings Education Center Manager Chihae Lee said her role in the event was to help Christensen because such a high percentage of international students at UWV are from Kings Education.

"Myself and my team with Kings, we're here to support Sarah with any kind of events she hosts," Lee said. "I think the idea is really, we just help each other out. So she hosts an event, we push it for our students."

UWV international student from Malaysia Elva Ng prepared a traditional Malaysian drink called air bandung to accompany her poster.

"It's made from rose syrup, you just add condensed milk, and at last you add grass jelly," Ng said. "People usually use that to drink with dessert. You can also add ice cubes if you prefer."

Ng said her favorite part about going to school in Wisconsin is the peaceful environment for studying.

"The thing I don't really like is [that] the weather is so cold," Ng said. "It's getting better. It's spring now."

UWV international student from China Jason Wang's group held a chopstick competition at their display. The challenge was to see who could get the most Skittles out of a bucket in one minute and 45 seconds, using only chopsticks.

"Most of the Chinese guys use chopsticks for their dinner, for their lunch, for their daily eating," Wang said. "Sometimes you can use chopsticks for common activities; it's kind of a game. It's fun."

Wang said he spent his last year of high school in Boston, but this is his first year in Wisconsin.

"I like the environment here; the weather is not so bad," Wang said. "The transportation is not so convenient actually."

Lee said the event promotes building a dialogue between international students and domestic students.

"Domestic students, they feel it's not as weird or awkward because they're just going to a table and just learning about something," Lee said. "They're getting a prize, or they win candy. It's a very informal, low-key kind of way to introduce people to one another and learn about a culture."

## UWO business professors earn large overload pay

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UW Oshkosh College of Business employees were paid six of the 10 highest overload totals across the UW System in 2017-2018, each earning an average of \$40,000 over their salaries, according to Gannett.

According to COB Dean Barbara Rau, the data shown on the Gannett listing is misleading because it includes summer pay and in a few cases, double counts some pay.

"All faculty are capped at \$18,000, or 20 percent of base pay, whichever is largest, for overload," Rau said. "The College of Business has adhered to that policy and only made exceptions in unusual circumstances that were approved by the Provost."

According to a searchable USA TODAY Network-Wisconsin database, created from UW System salary data, the six UWO College of Business faculty include economics professors Chad Cotti and M. Ryan Haley, finance and business law professors Scott Beyer and Robert Kunkel, marketing professor Michael Tippins and supply chain management professor Michael Godfrey. The six made \$239,355 in overload pay, ranging from \$33,350 to \$42,508 each.

Rau said faculty earn overload by teaching additional courses or taking on temporary assignments that are outside their normal duties.

"Many of the overloads in the COB come from faculty who add online or Saturday teaching in our Executive [Master of Business Administration] and in our Consortium MBA programs," Rau said. "We also have faculty that did business/community consulting through the University or took on temporary administrative assignments."

Rau said it is normal to give faculty overload in today's budget climate.

"One might think of this as similar to having a workforce work overtime rather than hiring additional employees," Rau said.

Rau said there are two good reasons why the COB uses overloads.

"First, it is vastly cheaper than hiring additional College of Business faculty or academic staff," Rau said. "Second, it allows us to flex staffing levels with rising and falling demand for our programs."

Rau said some years, there is more need to use overloads than others.

"If we hire additional staff when demand is high, we have to lay them off when demand for our educational services is low, which creates instability," Rau said.

"For example, due to continued budget cuts, we have had to create larger class sizes and reduce the number of sections offered, so I anticipate that next year there will be far less overload pay for COB faculty."

Kunkel said overload is cheaper than hiring new professors.

"We have six classes that needed to be covered, and it would cost about \$150,000 to hire a new professor," Kunkel said. "By paying current professors overload, it would probably be less than \$100,000 to cover those classes."

Kunkel said the overload is grouped with his regular pay, so it is hard to say which specific activities are part of overload.

"I run the Executive MBA program on Saturdays and have covered extra classes, which counts for overload," Kunkel said. "I am also the department chair, which may play into overload as well."

Kunkel said there will be less overload next year due to combining class sections.

"Normally classes would have about 50 students in each section," Kunkel said. "Next year the classes that would normally have 50 students will be increased to 110 or more depending on budget cuts."

## OSA calls campus to action

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Hundreds of students, staff and faculty nearly filled the Reeve Union Ballroom Monday night to attend a call for action regarding the racist and homophobic comment left on a campaign post during the Oshkosh Student Association elections.

The comment was posted March 13, on the first day of the election, and it said, "UWO Vote for these guys today unless you want a lesbian or a hmong to win."

The students who collectively organized this event were OSA candidates Hannah Johnson, Alicia Obermeier, Alina Xiong and Pa Houa Xiong.

As it showed in the original email for the call for action, candidates Jacob Banfield and Ian McDonald were not included in the planning process.

"Making it about them is taking it away from all the people who talked today," Obermeier said. "This incident was giving us a platform to talk as people of color, marginalized groups, queer community, together."

Rainbow Alliance for Helping Others Achieve Equality, the LGBTQ+ Resource Center, Sisterhood, members of fraternities, members of the multicultural education center and many more student organizations attended this call for action.

UWO senior Sam Diemel expressed her concern about previous discriminatory comments from a professor she had.

"[Students] might have a different identity that they're scared to show, and then that's just reaffirming that they should be scared," Diemel said.

Kou Thao was the first student to speak after the introduction, and he expressed his concern for himself and his peers.

"What I don't see is anything being done about the diversity issue that we do have here on campus," Thao said. "If nothing is done now to fix the diversity crisis that we do have here on campus, when will it happen?"

McDonald spoke on behalf of himself and Banfield, and he said that seeing the post initially was a heart-drop for the both of them.

"We can't be upset that it's out there; we need to figure out what steps we need to take to grab control of the situation," McDonald said.

Pa Houa Xiong said she did not like that McDonald spoke on behalf of both candidates.

"You should be responsible for your stuff," Pa Houa Xiong said. "You don't talk on behalf of someone else especially when it's this important, because if you have someone else address things for you we don't know if it's sincere, if it's genuine. Ian was the one to reach out to us; he was the one to apologize."

McDonald said that the upsetting thing about the whole incident was the effect it had on the students that it was targeting.

"It was sad to see something like that appear in an election that was going so well," McDonald said. "Because we know that's not who we are as people; it's not something that we put out there and that we promote in any way. This was one student, and it doesn't represent the campus."

Chancellor Andrew Leavitt said calls for action are heartbreaking yet inspiring.

"As it happens it's always good to have people tell those stories," Leavitt said. "It always keeps the urgency or the immediacy at the front of people's minds."

From his statement that was sent out Tuesday morning, Leavitt said the students' voices were heard and that staff and faculty are there to listen and learn from them.

"Be assured the leadership of this institution takes these matters very seriously and works hard to ensure all students, especially students from marginalized backgrounds, have access to higher education free from attacks based upon their personal identities," Leavitt said.

According to the University Wisconsin System Chapter 17.10, the student who created the post has 10 possible disciplinary sanctions that they could face from this act.

The possible consequences for the student responsible includes disciplinary probation, enrollment restrictions on a course or program, educational or service sanctions including community service, suspension or expulsion.



# UWO students call for action: ‘We will be heard’

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In a series of testimonials that finished with a call for action, a diverse group of UW Oshkosh students and faculty members attended a forum Monday to address ongoing discrimination and harassment on campus after a student made a racist and homophobic Snapchat post during the Oshkosh Student Association elections.

Although campus administrators said they are trying to address issues of homophobia and racism at UWO, they said there is a fine line between free speech and censorship.

However, many students feel what the University is doing isn’t nearly enough.

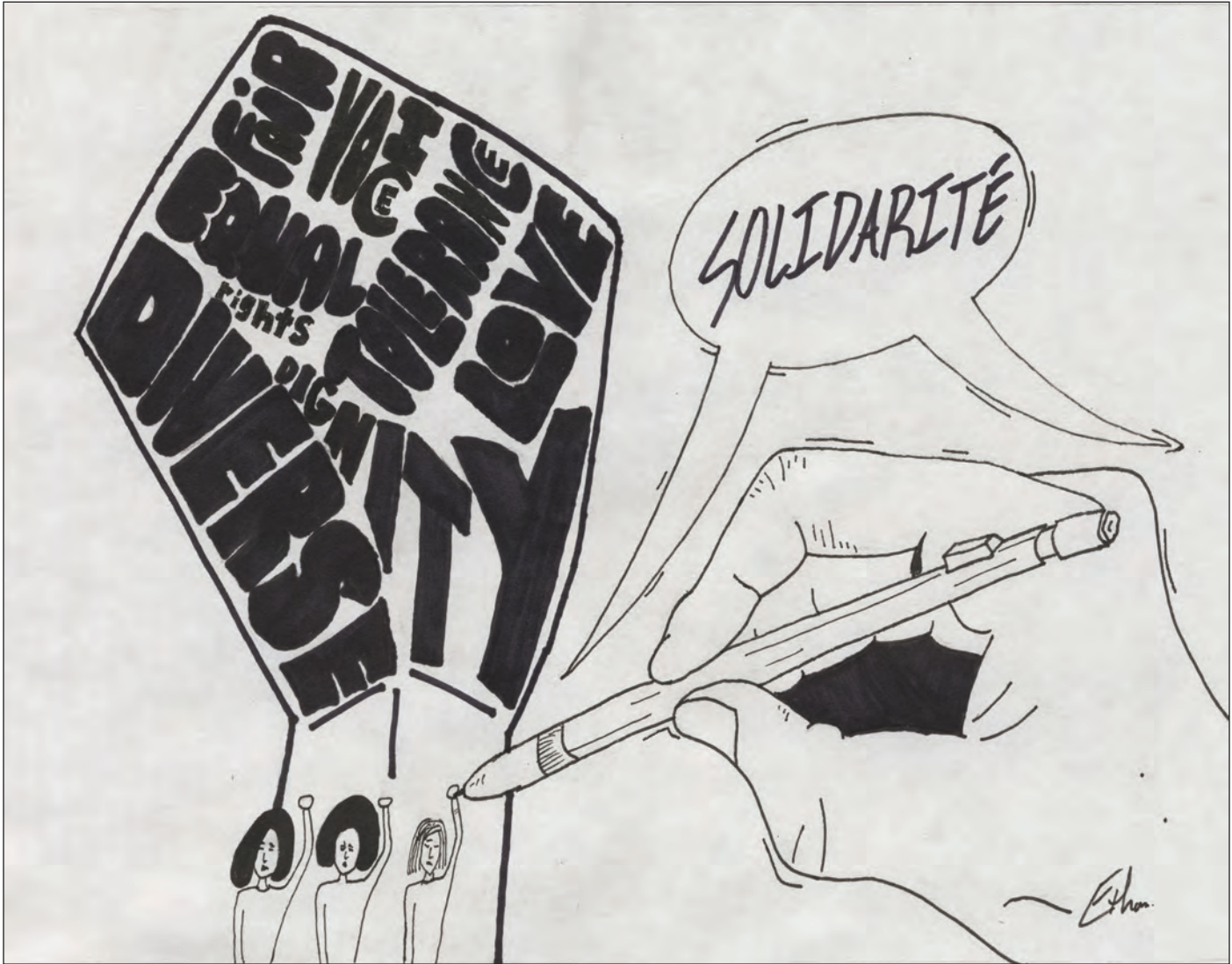
“I can’t even hold my girlfriend’s hand when we’re walking on campus,” UWO student Ivanna Kovalenko said at Mondays “Call for Action” forum.

“My fellow trans and nonbinary students regularly come to me and tell me about transphobia, discrimination, sexual assault, rocks being thrown at them by strangers, by students, and I am sick and tired of hearing about things happening to my friends,” UWO student Burgundy Johnson said.

“To know that some people may not like me because of my race or ethnicity or gender or sexual orientation, I’m deterred from that. We really need to fix this,” UWO student Cassie Xiong said.

In a snap on March 12, a now-former member of the Oshkosh College Republicans posted a photo of two white male OSA candidates, Jacob Banfield and Ian McDonald, along with the caption “UWO Vote for these guys today unless you want a lesbian or a hmong to win.” Banfield is chairman of the Oshkosh College Republicans and McDonald is a member.

This racist and homophobic snap targeting three of the candidates left many students on campus wondering what leads people to harass and discriminate against others and whether Banfield and McDonald should step down from the OSA elections due to the controversy surrounding the snap.



OSA candidates Alicia Obermeier, Hannah Johnson, Alina Xiong and Pa Houa Xiong organized Monday’s forum to create a “Call for Action” to increase diversity and inclusiveness on campus. Obermeier, Alina Xiong and Pa Houa Xiong said they felt personally attacked by the snap.

“I knew that there were people on our campus that think this way,” Pa Houa Xiong said. “But I didn’t think it would happen during the elections. It was very unexpected and took us by surprise.”

Obermeier said she was unhappy that the University has not punished the student who posted the snap.

“I can get fired for my sexuality in over 20 states in America. My name is now linked to this,” Obermeier said. “Knowing that, I don’t understand why I am not equally protected, but someone who makes

homophobic or racist remarks is.”

Obermeier said the offensive snap affected more than the OSA candidates.

“It wasn’t just the three of us that were hurt by this,” she said. “This is the entire LGBTQ+ community on campus, this is the Hmong community and not only that but any marginalized group.”

Campus administrators have not said if the student who posted the snap will face repercussions. But in an email sent the day after the forum, Chancellor Andrew Leavitt addressed the free speech issues that the University faces when handling this situation.

“We must find the way to balance the protection of free speech with the protection of an individual or a group from harm when that free speech is used to denigrate people based upon their personal identity,”

Leavitt said.

Assistant professor of political science, Jerry Thomas, said UWO needs to stop giving attention to the racist and homophobic snap and instead focus on embracing the qualities that diverse students are being attacked for.

“I would love to see the campus come together and pull all of its resources together and come up with something incredibly provocative where we take a statement like this and pull it back and empower us and have the first regional ‘Hmong fag’ bash on campus,” Thomas said. “Let’s take it and celebrate, and let’s change the culture.”

The four students who organized the forum developed a list of demands for the University that includes holding the individual who posted the snap accountable, being transparent in the reporting of bias inci-

dents on campus, increasing diversity of faculty, the chancellor’s cabinet and higher level administrators and mandatory education for students, staff and administrators to create a more inclusive environment.

Let’s face it, we have been shouting at the administration to take action for far too long. Due to the recent University budget crises, it’s likely the University lacks the resources and staff to adequately address discrimination, sexism, racism and homophobia on campus and it’s time for UWO students to take the matter into their own hands.

Instead of holding a campus forum only when these issues of harassment and discrimination occur, let’s hold a monthly open forum and demand that Leavitt and higher-level administrators listen to our concerns and are held accountable for the follow-through on their

promises.

This is not a time to be silent. Students also need to consider the importance of standing up to those who disparage and harass others. As scary as it is, the change starts with us.

Some students have said that if Banfield and McDonald win the OSA elections, they need to consider resigning the candidacy to show support and solidarity for the many students and faculty members who were affected by the snap. At the very least, whoever wins the election needs to work closely with minority and majority students alike to bring an end to these issues.

Not only do we have to combat bigotry on campus, we also need to address our own unconscious bias. Several minority students at the forum pointed out the importance of majority students attending diverse events on campus, no matter how uncomfortable it makes them feel.

If there is one thing you take from your experience as a UWO student, it should be an exposure to new and different ideas and an acceptance of everyone, no matter race, gender or sexual orientation.

Although the OSA election results have not come out yet, the four organizers of the forum say they no longer care who wins the election because the negative snap has led to an awareness of larger issues on campus that they are now in a position to confront.

Obermeier, Johnson, Alina Xiong and Pa Houa Xiong deserve to be honored for their bravery in standing up to put an end to discrimination on campus to ensure that diverse voices are being heard. UWO staff member Boyd Featherston, who spoke at the forum, said it best.

“When you stand up and you think nobody’s behind you, even if just one person in the room heard you, there’s affirmation,” he said. “The more that people stand up and speak, the more you whittle away the foundation of their racism, their bigotry, their hatred. Because when it’s exposed to daylight, it withers.”

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I have been at UW Oshkosh for six semesters and have not had an African-American professor. I am a black student with an African-American studies minor but have been limited in the opportunity to speak to African-American academic personnel about

common ideologies.

Don’t get me wrong, I have had a couple of amazing professors that educated me in the history of the Civil War, but I want to have a conversation about what’s going on in the 21st century without feeling guilty about my opinions.

Not only is it hard speaking your mind in a classroom

where you are one of the only African-American students, but when the professor is also white, it can alter your response. Some say it does not matter who is teaching if you are learning what you need, but that’s not enough. I want to unapologetically speak my mind in a setting where I feel I will not be judged.

At this institution, we lack the diversity to give representation and a sense of belonging to minorities, and resolving this issue is going to take some time, but it’s not impossible. As a college, we need to have a better cultural understanding and emphasis on what it means to be black at UWO, whether you are a

student or faculty member.

It’s never too late to start hiring minority faculty members to be a part of this campus. We ask why there are not many students of color and why the retention rate on minorities is not great, but we must be honest about what we see when we look into these classrooms. Making

small changes will have a big results for the future of this campus.

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COURTESY OF MEGAN WIESNER

Bottom of the Lake vocalist and rhythm guitarist Brett Schlidt tunes in as he wears a Stalgic sweatshirt, the two bands have collaborated on a number of projects including a four-song digital album Split.

# Regional bands rise in Titan Underground

by Jack Tierney

Five of the region’s top rock bands gathered in the Titan Underground on March 14 to play Wisco! The Music Fest! hosted by Reeve Union Board.

Subgenres included indie, alternative and emo rock. No judges were present, but prizes were awarded, and pie was offered as March 14 is National Pie Day.

Coming off their countrywide tour and first to the stage was a four-man band out of Green Bay called Stalgic.

Stalgic played a mix of original songs new and old including some from their upcoming album, which band members have kept the name of secret.

Stalgic drummer Cooper Miller said fans can expect a more complete album compared to their previous work, “Distant.”

“Deeper lyrics, darker mood, a bit of angst, fear and anxiety,” Miller said. “Musically, it’s still us, but a little more pissed. There is better complimentary guitar work and new vocal ideas. As a whole, we hope it rings true to people’s full spectrum of emotions they feel: anger,

fear, anxiety, depression, remorse, nostalgia and happiness.”

Second on stage was Horace Greene, a band whose members played without shoes and were seen drinking Coronas and Bud Lights before their set.

Horace Greene played love songs with melodies, choruses and lyrics like “I get fevers when you jump around” and “I hope this love don’t keep me down.”

Lead singer Tony Oakley said he couldn’t remember where the inspiration for the song “Fevers” came from but remembers he was sick with mononucleosis when he wrote it.

“I was just sitting in my room, and I had this synth-bass I was playing with, and I put these funky guitar chords over it, and Sam [the bass player] came home, and I was like, ‘Dude, you gotta check this out,’” Oakley said. “I wrote the lyrics after I wrote the song.”

And during a moment of what appeared to be rock appreciation, members of Horace Greene crouched down and played their instruments as Oakley claimed a

four-foot stereo and got into a crouched position himself, which led many people in the audience to raise pitch-forked rock signs with their hands in salute.

Third to the stage was emo-rock band Bottom of the Lake. Their songs had crescendos of guitar, drum and vocal build up capped off by a momentary silence and picked up again on the same chord, effectively leading many in the audience to stare with a fixed interest and some to yell out emotionally.

Vocalist and rhythm guitarist Brett Schlidt said their songs mean a lot to them, and that’s what goes into their performances.

“There’s a lot of emotions in our songs, and we’ve gotten to the point now where playing the song is like muscle memory,” Schlidt said. There’s just nothing left for us to do but get into the show and be comfortable.”

Members of Bottom of the Lake were physically spent by the end for their set, wiping sweat from their brows and bending over for air.

Following Bottom of the Lake was a four-man band

from Wausau called Barely Civil.

All Barely Civil band members contributed to vocals; however, only the lead vocalist sang into a microphone while the remaining band members shouted out their lyrics in pronounced and throaty voices.

Members of Barely Civil declined an interview.

Rounding out the evening was a band from Minneapolis called Of the Orchard. The only three-man band of the evening and the only band to feature an acoustic guitar, Of the Orchard played their last song in tribute to growing older.

“As we’ve all gotten older, we’ve started to realize that the older you get the less you know, and that’s what this song is about,” vocalist Ben Vanden said.

Event coordinator Morgan DiPietro said she was happy with the turnout.

“I thought it went well,” DiPietro said. “The prizes and pie went over very well, and all the bands were easy to work with. Overall, it was a smooth flowing event, and I was very pleased.”

# Students answer topical question

## Is #FridaysForFuture a good idea?

by Jack Tierney

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In cities throughout the world, high school and middle school age students are skipping classes on Fridays to make a statement about climate change and tagging it on social media as #FridaysForFuture.

The movement is led by a 16-year-old Swedish political activist named Greta Thunberg who tweeted last week that 957 places across 82 countries were scheduled to miss class on March 15.

UW Oshkosh freshman **Mason Kobilic said #FridaysForFuture is a bad idea.**

“I really don’t care about climate change all that much,” Kobilic said. “I really don’t think it’s going to change anything. I think it’s kind of stupid. I think skipping school isn’t going to do much, I think people already know about climate change being a big issue.”

Psychology major **David Block said #FridaysForFuture is a good idea.**

“I think something has to be done, and it seems like our generation isn’t doing anything,” Block said. “It seems like the younger generation is more active, and I think they’re doing it in the only way they can. They don’t have money; they don’t have corporate [backing]. I’m glad to see somebody is doing something about it.”

Block continued, saying that powerful impacts start small. “It’s like anything, like the civil rights movement. It starts somewhere. And I don’t think it’s the end all, but I think it’s important that something is starting because it could be too late if nothing happens.”

Junior English major **Krista Huckstep said #FridaysForFuture is good for some and bad for others.**

“Middle school no, high school maybe,” Huckstep said. “My [middle school age] sister would love to find a way to get out of class. My brother would be into the actual political statement, so I think the age group is important to think about.”

“I think there are middle school-age students who might be interested in this stuff, but most would just see it as a way to get out of class. High school-age kids are more involved in politics and at that point, if they’re 18, it’s their choice. My dad is a middle school teacher, and if his kids didn’t show up, that would reflect badly on him.”

Thunberg has been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize by three lawyers in Norway for her environmental activism. Her message is clear: if political dignitaries around the world are not going to do anything about climate change, she and her followers are not going to go to class.



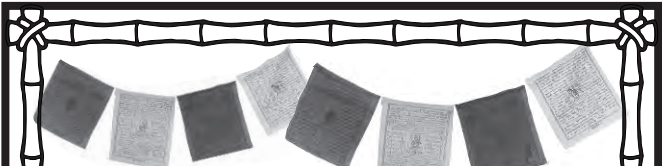
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LEFT: Students Collin Brault and Morgaine Prather read off winning raffle ticket numbers at a trivia night event hosted in the Titan Underground. RIGHT: Students fill the Titan Underground testing what they know about Oshkosh. BELOW: Alison Wintheiser hands a gift basket prize to a raffle ticket winner.



# Trivia night rewards in the Underground

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Oshkosh Convention and Visitors Bureau partnered with a 400-level Public Relations class on Monday night to promote off-campus activities in Oshkosh to UWO students.

The campaigns class and the nonprofit OCVB hosted the event in the Titan Underground where trivia games were played and raffle prizes were drawn.

Trivia questions were focused on Oshkosh history, entertainment, art and architecture.

Prizes included gift cards to local restaurants, gift baskets from local businesses and Oshkosh apparel.

All students contributed to the event with responsibilities like marketing or social media or coming up with creative plans, but it was the class' special events team who emceed and organized the night: Morgaine Prather, Jordyn Schraeder and Collin Brault.

Brault said he's passionate about the city and likes sharing his information with others and said that's what made the campaign fun.

"It was nice to be able to create some questions about things I know about in Oshkosh and incorporate them while spreading the word about Oshkosh and everything it has to offer," Brault said. "So it was fun backing a cause that I'm really about."

Prather said she liked the campaign because it brought her class together, and she learned more about Oshkosh.

"It was an awesome event to put together with the class, and I think we all learned a lot about putting on a campaign, and it was nice to involve the campus community with our campaign,"

Prather said. "We have a lot of cool opportunities once you get off campus, and I wish when I was a freshman or sophomore I would have known about them."

Schraeder said she liked the event because it was different from a typical classroom assignment.

"It was fun to work with the classmates in a more professional team-like dynamic," Schraeder said. "Also working with the Oshkosh Conventions and Visitors Bureau gave us real-life experience of what working with a client might be like."

UWO junior major George

Panagiotopoulos said he had fun at the event and learned many facts he didn't know.


"I didn't know anything going in — I didn't even know it was going to be about Oshkosh

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# UWO hosts 12th annual Shamrock Shuffle

23-year-old Joe Zack took home first place with an overall time of 15:51

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UW Oshkosh’s Shamrock Shuffle kept students active and raised money for Oshkosh Area United Way and the University’s new K-9 department last Saturday morning.

The director of the Shamrock Shuffle, Jordan Mooney, said this race raises money for charities around Oshkosh and is a fun way for students to stay active.

“The Shamrock Shuffle is in its 12th year here at UWO,” Mooney said. “It’s a fun run or walk 5K, and it is a charity run so all of the proceeds will benefit the Oshkosh Area United Way and also the K-9 unit at the UWO Police Department.”

A student at UWO, Nicole Stallard, said she was looking forward to this race because it was a good way to get active.

“I decided to participate in the Shuffle because I thought it would be a fun activity to do with my friends and co-workers as well as interact with some Oshkosh locals,” Stallard said.

Mooney said he put a team together with the employees at the Student Recreation and Wellness Center because he thought it was important for them to be involved.

“We are one of the larger student employers on campus, and so I kind of thought we should get more students involved in the Shamrock Shuffle,” Mooney said. “It’s our race and we host it, so our students should be a part of it



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Clash leads all 750 runners at the start of the 12th annual Shamrock Shuffle held on the UW Oshkosh campus. Proceeds from the 12th Annual Shamrock Shuffle benefit the Oshkosh Area United Way, the UWO Police Department K9 Unit and the Student Recreation and Wellness Scholarship Fund.

and proud to join our team.”

Mooney said he wanted to have the biggest team at the Shamrock Shuffle because a different team has been winning for years.

“There is a plaque each year to the biggest team, and traditionally Kimberly-Clark wins the plaque for the big-

gest team,” Mooney said. “I just kind of thought that it was silly because we host this race, we should be able to get a lot of students for it, and we should be the biggest team.”

Mooney said that he got enough people to sign up for his team to win the plaque for the biggest team at the Sham-

rock Shuffle.

“This year we were excited to put a team roster together of 37 runners or walkers and we won the biggest team so the plaque will stay here,” Mooney said.

Stallard said that she was excited to be a part of “Team SWRC.”

“It was a lot of fun being able to run with my co-workers and cheer each other on,” Stallard said.

As a runner from last year’s Shamrock Shuffle, Jessie Riddle said that she enjoyed her time running and walking in the Shuffle and thinks that it is a fun activity for all stu-

dents.

“The overall environment was extremely uplifting and positive,” Riddle said. “There were tons of people walking and running, and you could really go at your own pace and there was no pressure to finish in a certain amount of time.”

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# UWO wins first national title in program history

The UW Oshkosh men’s basketball team defeated Swarthmore College 96-82, to finish its redemption quest



CALVIN SKALET/ADVANCE-TITAN

UWO seniors Brett Wittchow and Ben Boots celebrate the final stage of their championship run. They led the team to the first championship in program history.

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The UW Oshkosh men’s basketball season included a 23-game win streak, a conference title and finally, a national championship.

The Titans defeated Swarthmore College last Saturday in Fort Wayne, Indiana by a final score of 96-82 to capture their first national title in program history.

Swarthmore played a physical brand of defense to make up for the size deficit, but UWO junior Jack Flynn feasted on the Swarthmore interior. Flynn scored a career-high 33

points on 13-18 shooting and added seven rebounds.

Flynn said taking over in a big spot was a product of his teammates getting him open shots at the basket.

“It’s just a mentality I have when I go into a game,” Flynn said. “Luckily, I have the guards who can give me the ball in a good position.”

Over the course of the tournament, Flynn averaged nearly 18 points per game and 10.3 rebounds per game to earn the NCAA Division III Men’s Basketball Tournament Most Outstanding Player.

Flynn said winning Most Outstanding Player was only possible because of those

around him.

“It’s definitely a very special thing for me,” Flynn said. “It’s a great honor. I couldn’t have done it without my great teammates and my great coach — all of my great coaches.”

The Titans were able to scorch the Swarthmore defense throughout the game as they shot 52 percent from the field.

Once again, all Titan starters ended the night in double figures as sophomore Connor Duax had 16, seniors Brett Wittchow and Ben Boots scored 14 and 10, respectively, and junior Adam Fravert poured in 14 points. The starters combined for 87 of the Ti-

tans’ 96 points.

As was the case in the Elite Eight round, Boots had an off-shooting night but was able to contribute to the team effort with six rebounds and seven assists.

Boots said after losing in the national championship last year, they were not going to let that mistake this season.

“Getting to the national championship game and losing is one of the most devastating feelings,” Boots said. “We knew that we’re fortunate enough to get back. We weren’t going to let that happen again.”

Fravert recorded a double-double, adding 12 rebounds, five blocks, three steals and two assists to his 14-point outing. He was also named to the All-Tournament team for his efforts.

Fravert said the team was focused in its pursuit of redemption from last year’s loss.

“Going into this tournament this year, I feel like we were a lot more focused,” Fravert said. “We knew that we wanted to win the championship this year because last year we were so close. I don’t know if any of us are going to forget what it felt like to lose in the national championship, and I don’t know if any of us are going to forget what it feels like to win in the national championship.”

Wittchow said the success they had during the regular season prepared them for this postseason run.

“We were tested all year,” Wittchow said. “We got every team’s best shot. A lot of the year we were ranked top five. We had a winstreak going. We would get big leads and they would start to chip away at them. We found a way to win, and I think that came into play tonight.”

The team used its size to get in the paint and ultimately, get to the free-throw line as the team went 21-26 from the charity stripe. The Titans also played a disciplined defense as Swarthmore only went to the line four times in the game.

Boots said when he looks back on his career, he will remember a lot of things, but mostly, he will remember this game.

“National championship,” Boots said. “That’s the one thing we always wanted. You

“It’s definitely a very special thing for me. It’s a great honor. I couldn’t have done it without my great teammates and my great coach — all of my great coaches.”

— Jack Flynn on winning the NCAA D-III tournament Most Outstanding Player award.



LYDIA SANCHEZ AND CALVIN SKALET/ADVANCE-TITAN

ABOVE: Titan junior Jack Flynn shoots a baby hook shot over Garnet defender. BELOW: The team poses for a photo after winning the championship game.



push away all the other individual things. From where this program was four years ago compared to where it is now, there have been so many special people who have been a part of that, and Brett and I are lucky to be two of those people.”

Head coach Matt Lewis said he knew when he was recruiting these seniors, that they would be great additions to the program.

“I couldn’t have asked for a better group,” Lewis said. “Looking back at their career and where we started, and where we’ve ended, there’s been some awesome moments along the way. I remember the day that [Boots and Wittchow] committed. I remember the day that Alex Van Dyke committed. From that day forward, we knew that we were going to have something special.”

Prior to winning the national championship, the Titans had to get through Wheaton College in the Final Four round of the NCAA D-III tournament. The Titans defeated the Thunder in a thrilling offensive performance, 104-85, last Friday in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

UWO was led by Wittchow, Boots and Flynn who all scored 21 points apiece. Flynn also added 15 rebounds to cap his 10th double-double of the season.

Wheaton senior Aston Francis was coming off a 62-point performance in the Thunder’s Elite Eight victory over Marietta College a week ago, so the Titans made sure to keep the seniors in check.

Flynn said it was important for him to rebound effectively to not allow Wheaton to get second chances on possessions.

“All week in practice, the coaches made it a point that we must finish off every play and keep them to one shot especially with someone like Aston Francis,” Flynn said. “You don’t want him getting a second shot if he misses that first one.”

The Titans were able to hold Francis to 23 points on 38 percent shooting in the first half.

Lewis said his best defenders were up to the task in defending the talented guard.

“I’d be remiss if I didn’t mention Connor Duax, our big wing, and Eric Peterson, off the bench,” Lewis said,

“Those two guys were incredibly disciplined on [Francis]. Our goal was to make him go left and try to be as disciplined as possible and not foul him. I’m really proud of the way those two guys competed.”

Getting Flynn the ball in the post has been a corner piece of the Titan offense all year, and Boots said nothing changed in the game Saturday.

“Before every game, it’s always one of our focuses: to throw the ball inside and make the defense make a choice,” Boots said. “With Jack, he’s a load to take one-on-one. We’re lucky to have really talented big guys.”

The Titans started out the game strong on an 8-0 run with two threes from Fravert, who ended up with 19 points and eight rebounds on the night.

After a back and forth first half, UWO used a 14-0 run to take a 46-41 lead into the break.

Within the first five minutes of the second half, Duax poured in seven points to spark a 14-4 run to put the Titans up by 10 and force the Thunder to take a timeout.

UWO then used stifling defense and hot 3-point shooting to build their lead to 21 at its largest.

All five Titan starters scored in double digits as Duax rounded out the lineup with 14 points and five rebounds.

The Titans out-rebounded Wheaton 49-39 and had a five-rebound advantage on the offensive glass. Those offensive boards led to 18 second-chance points for UWO.

Oshkosh shot 47 percent from the field and 48 percent from beyond-the-arc in the contest.

The Titans held Francis to 44 points on 15-38 shooting from the field and 5-20 from the three-point line. Excluding Francis, the rest of the Thunder shot 50 percent from the three-point line, and Francis had only two assists on the evening.

Boots said the team’s experience of going to last year’s Final Four has helped them during this trip.

“We’ve been fortunate to be here last year as well, so we were able to replicate a lot of the things we do,” Boots said. “A lot of it is just staying true to ourselves and just try to be us.”