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# Party like it's 1871



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# UWO celebrates 150 years as an academic institution

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As UW Oshkosh celebrates 150 years since its inception as the Oshkosh Normal School, there will be numerous Sesquicentennial events held throughout campus

Beginning as early as the second week of fall classes, students, faculty, alumni and the general public can expect to see various celebratory events taking place that they can watch or take part in.

#### Sept. 11 - Golden Titan Reunion

On this day, graduates from the UWO classes of 1970 and 1971 will be able to celebrate 50 years since they received their degrees together on campus.

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# Sept. 12 - Sesquicentennial Community Celebration and Giving Day

Sept. 12 will mark exactly 150 years since the first day of classes at the Oshkosh Normal School in 1871.

The celebration, taking place from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on the pedestrian walkway between Reeve Union and the Arts and

Communication Center, will consist of free food, a beer garden, activities for children, live music and much more. A pop-up exhibit, Humans of UW Oshkosh, can also be viewed in Dempsey Hall, along with a rephotography exhibit and university timeline.

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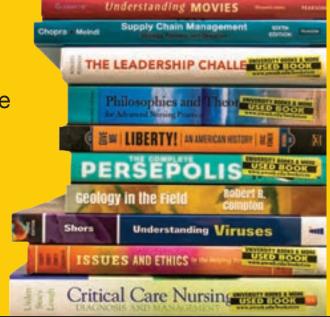
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# 150 years: What's UWO doing to celebrate?

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Oct. 22-23 - 100th anniversary of UWO's first homecoming

Along with celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Oshkosh Normal School, this weekend will be recognized as the 100 year mark since UWO's first homecoming.

On Oct. 22, the Alumni Award Celebration will take place. NA- SCAR expert and 1976 UWO alum John Close will be speaking about 'Learning in Retirement' in Sage 1210 from 2-3 p.m.

The campus will then hold the Alumni Awards Dinner from 5-9 p.m. at the CFWC to celebrate the accomplishments of the 2020 alumni award recipients.

On Oct. 23, UWO will hold its homecoming, beginning with a Titan Tailgate and home football game against UW-Eau Claire at JJ Keller Field.

#### Nov. 13 - Black and Gold **Scholarship Ball**

Chancellor Andrew Leavitt, his wife, Karen, and many others plan to attend the Black and Scholarship Ball, hosted by the Oshkosh Corporation.

This event will be held at the CFWC from 5-11 p.m., and will include the presentation of scholarships for numerous UWO stu-

For more information regarding the upcoming events, students can go to the following link: https://uwosh.edu/today/events/.

# Historical UV sports teams



Courtesy of University Archives

The 1906 football team went 6-2-1, their best record up to that point, under head coach Walter Coolidge. Coolidge coached Oshkosh from 1902-1905.

The number of national championships UW Oshkosh athletics has. This is good enough for second in the UW system.

1,743

The amount of points that alltime UWO points leader Wendy Wangerin put up from 1993-96.



**Courtesy of University Archives** 

The 1907 Oshkosh senior women's basketball team takes their team picture. No stats



Courtesy of University Archives The 1921 men's basketball team winning the state championship

The amount of wins the UWO team has against UW-River Falls. This is the most wins that UWO has against any other school.

5.81

The new 60 meter dash time school record set by Junior Jaylen Grant on Feb, 22, 2020.



**Courtesy of University Archives** 

The 1922 Oshkosh track and field team takes their team picture. No stats are available.

# Titan Thunder band is ramping up Marching band to return to UW Oshkosh

**By Cory Sparks** sparkc21@uwosh.edu

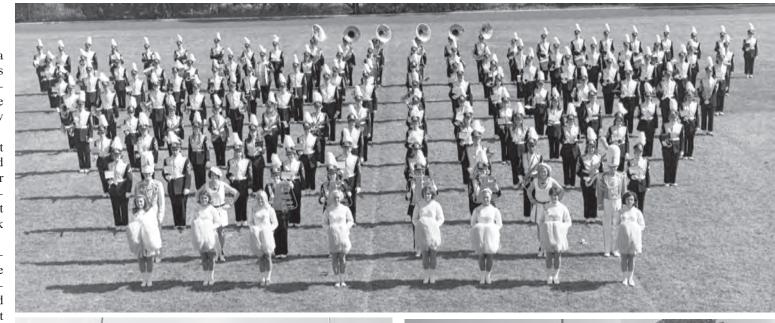
UW Oshkosh will soon have a Titan Thunder marching band, as the recruiting process and preparation will be happening in the 12 months leading up to the new group's debut in Fall 2022.

This will be the first time that UWO has had a marching band since operations were halted for the Marching Titans in 1980 after performing for 18 years. But UWO marching bands date back to at least 1930.

Joseph Scheivert, the new director of athletic bands, will be responsible for directing and assembling the Titan Thunder, and his goal is to lead a group that will congeal crowds and add to the experience of being a UWO student. He even plans on making the marching band performances an interactive experience between musicians and audience members.

"It is my hope that we can create a sense of UWO nostalgia and identity where athletes, students, alumni and the community can feel at home and full of Titan getting song requests from the audience, though we certainly can't honor them all."

Scheivert, who most recently served as the assistant director of bands at Kennesaw State Uni-







**Courtesy of University Archives** 

pride," Scheivert said. "I love UW Oshkosh has had marching bands in the past that date back to at least 1930. The last marching band disbanded in 1980.

and hard work.

energy and humor to my rehears- organization and have a great

versity in Kennesaw, Georgia, als," he said. "Previous students time doing it." emphasizes the importance of often note that I know when to mixing enjoyment with business get down to business and when various musical compositions, to have fun. I expect the same of "Personally, I try to bring high my students. We can be a great UWO's marching band.

As someone who has written Scheivert brings experience to

"[I] was later a graduate assis-

tant with the Penn State and Iowa bands, where I wrote marching drill and music arrangements and handled administrative tasks," Scheivert said.

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# Band: Titan Thunder to debut Fall 2022

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For those on the fence when it comes to joining the Titan Thunder next year, UWO's new director said that playing experience is all that one would need; he



Joseph Scheivert

plans on teaching those who have not marched before, and just like with the symphonic and wind a high school level, give it a try," majors are welcome.

ment, spin flags or twirl batons at major at any UWO campus."



Courtesy of University Archives

Titan Thunder will be the first marching band UW Oshkosh has had since the 1980 Marching Titans.

have marched before. The band "If you can play a band instru- will be open to students in any

Scheivert also said that the far beyond their college years. ensemble bands, students of all he said. "You don't even need to experiences and friendships to

"You are a key part of Titan be made in a marching band en-spirit; and you get to meet a lot vironment are ones that students of fellow students with similar can expect to take and remember interests, even before classes

start," Scheivert said, "Your experiences and friendships in the Titan Thunder Marching Band will stay with you for the rest of your life."

Scheivert said those wishing to perform at sporting events this year will not have to wait, as there will be a pep band playing at the men's and women's basketball games this year.

"In addition to the marching band, we are working on starting a pep band program this year to perform at men's and women's basketball games in 2022, so current seniors could still participate," he said.

Those interested in joining the Titan Thunder can go to the following link to fill out a form containing a few questions: http:// uwosh.edu/marchingband.

Students with questions regarding UWO's marching band can send an email to marchingband@uwosh.edu, or they can stop by the band's table at Taste of Oshkosh on Sept. 7.

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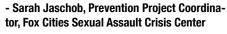
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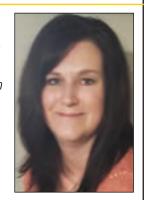


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# 102 years later, 2nd pandemic closes UWO

By Kylie Balk-Yaatenen balkyb22@uwosh.edu

COVID-19 shut down the world in 2020, with UW Oshkosh sending its students home and closing its campuses on March 13. But the coronavirus pandemic wasn't the first time the school had to shut down due to a virus.

In fall of 1918, Spanish influenza, or more commonly known as the flu, came to Oshkosh. According to UWO's online archives, the flu pandemic charged across America in seven days and across the world in three months.

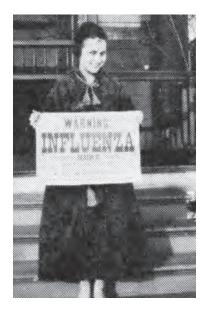
It is said that it claimed more lives than all major world wars combined. Estimates of deaths ranged from 20 million to 50 million, most in the 90 days between October and December 1918.

The flu became associated with high rates of morbidity, mortality, social disruption, and high economic costs. In fact, it was the most destructive pandemic ever known – until 2020.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the flu is one of the hardest viruses to predict due to the different strains and how they mutate.

On Oct. 5, 1918, The Daily Northwestern reported: "Influenza has appeared here. City will fight to control it."

On that day, local physicians reported 10 cases to the Oshkosh Police Department. Dr. Arthur H. Broche, the city health commissioner, told doctors to isolate pa-





Courtesy of University Archives

LEFT: A student holds a "warning influenza" sign on the steps of her Oshkosh home in 1918. Flu vaccines have since made the virus less deadly. RIGHT: A student nurse prepares an influenza vaccine for nursing professor Rosemary Smith in 1992.

tients and report all cases.

Much like in 2020, there was a lot of misinformation on what was the best way to deal with the flu.

A newspaper headline stated: "Views of doctors on how to handle grip don't agree. All say situation is serious. Some urge prompt closing and quarantines." At that point, 103 cases had been reported.

According to University Archives, when cases were reported, notes would be placed on the door of the home of the person who was sick. The notes read that no one was allowed to enter except nurses, doctors or clergymen.

The placard read: "Warning! Influenza here. This card must not be removed without authority. Milk dealers must not deliver milk in bottles."

During the Spanish influenza, Oshkosh shut down most businesses on Oct. 12, and anything that was allowed open had a 5 p.m. curfew.

In a 1918 edition of The Normal Advance, it was reported: "Our organizations page is limited, but blame it on the Spanish Influenza. On account of the ban, no meetings could be held, and while the organizations have manifold plans for this year, they cannot realize them until the influenza ban has been lifted."

Gauze masks were given out and

were to be worn when going out, but people also tried to find different cures for the virus.

According to the archives, the remedies tried included Snake Oil, Laxative Bromo-Quinine, Smoko Tobaccoless Cigarettes, Vick's Vapor Rub, Kondon's Catarrhal Jelly, Horlick's Malted Milk and many others. At the same time, pharmacists were filling prescriptions for heroine, morphine, cocaine and codeine to treat the flu, while whiskey and brandy were also promoted in combating the flu.

An article in the Oshkosh Daily Northwestern titled, "Spanish Influenza: What it is and How it Should be Treated," was printed

throughout the course of the epidemic.

It advised people to "Go to bed and stay quiet, take a laxative, eat plenty of nourishing food. Keep up your strength, nature is the cure. Always call a doctor."

Cases started to slow down and the ban was temporarily lifted, but when World War I ended, parades, parties and rallies were held and this contributed to the second wave of the flu.

By Nov. 14, the number of cases rose significantly and Oshkosh Mayor McHenry issued orders to Police Chief Henry Dowling to enforce the "no spitting" ordinance because he believed this might be a contributing factor to the spread of flu in the community.

The Committee on Teachers of the School Board announced that schools would reopen Monday, Nov. 20, 1918. But much like in 2020, several parents wrote letters to the editor of The Daily Northwestern, expressing concerns about allowing their children to go to school with an epidemic still in progress. These concerns prompted the city ban to remain in place.

The influenza ban was finally lifted on Nov. 29 and schools reopened on Dec. 3. However, children with the sniffles or any other symptom were urged to stay home.

The first day that classes resumed, attendance stood at 75%. The library fumigated every returned book. The theaters ventilated their buildings between performances.



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# What's in a name?

# A look at the eponyms of UWO's buildings

By Cory Sparks sparkc21@uwosh.edu

The UW Oshkosh campus is made up of 58 buildings spanning an area of 184 acres, according to the UWO campus information tab, and each building's name comes with a story regarding an impactful person who is from the area.

While all names cannot fit into the paper, here are the meanings behind the names of some notable buildings around the UWO campus.

#### **Polk Library**

Polk Library was named after Forest Polk, who was president of the Oshkosh Teachers College from 1931-59. The



Courtesy of University Archives

Forest Polk. whom which Polk Library is named after, was president of the Oshkosh Teachers College from 1931-59.

idea behind Polk's \$1.5 milion construction in 1961 was to give students a larger library, as Dempsey Hall would no longer be a sufficient option for the growing population of the school. In 1969, the construction of the second wing of the library doubled the building in size.

#### **Dempsey Hall**

First built in 1917 and finished in 1969, this building is named after Edward J. Dempsey, a long-serving regent representing Oshkosh at the Board of Regents. Up until 1952, the building was referred to as 'the main building' on campus, but on Feb. 7 of that same year, the Board

of Regents decided to name the building after Dempsey in a resolution that also involved the naming of Harrington Hall, Radford Hall, the Oviatt House and the Pollock House.

#### Reeve Memorial Union

Reeve Memorial Union was completed in 1959 and named after Thomas Reeve. Reeve was a local banker and grandfather of May Fraker, who gave the house and property that served as the campus's first union. In her will, she requested that the building be named after her grandfather. In its beginning stages in 1951, the building served as a social center that included a lounge with a television, radio and snack

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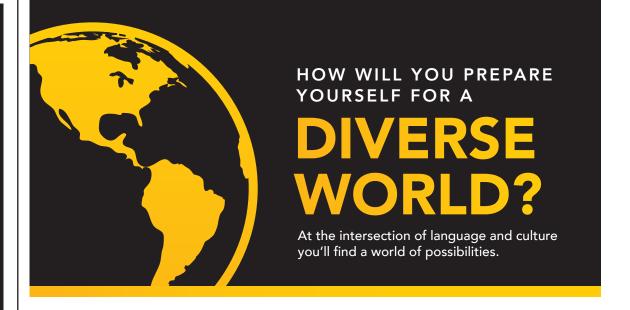
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bar. By 1964, the building included a bowling alley, and by 1988, the building began to feature diverse dining options comparable to what it hosts today. In 2003, the University Book Store was built, but this resulted in the loss of the bowling alley.

#### Fletcher Hall

Completed in 1964, this residential hall is named after Walter Fletcher. Fletcher was a staff member of the Oshkosh Normal School for 26 years, and he was known for his leadership in propelling The Advance newspaper from a quarterly publication to an award-winning weekly publication. The building

housed a fitness center in the the junior high school program 1980s and has hosted numerous multicultural festivals.

#### **North and South Scott** Halls

With its two towers and shared interconnecting ground floor and basement, Scott Hall is named after Louise Scott, who taught history and Latin in of the campus training school.

The hall was built in 1967 as a co-ed dormitory to house more than 1,200 students. Due to its location along the busy Algoma Boulvevard and on the edge of campus, its residents had a front-row seat to some of the campus's most rowdy events, from the anti-Vietnam

protests of the early 1970s to drinking-age protests in 1989.

Scott was born in the southeast Iowa community of New London in 1895 and earned her master's degree from the University of Iowa. In 1928, she came to the OSTC.

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**Courtesy of University Archives** LEFT: Louise Scott, a teacher of history and Latin in the 1920s, is who the North and South Scott Halls are named after. ABOVE: Walter Fletcher, the namesake of Fletcher Hall, was a staff member of the Oshkosh Normal School for 26 years and was involved with the campus newspaper, The Advance.

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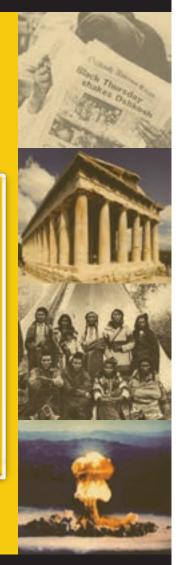
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# Names: The origins of the UWO buildings

#### From Page A10 Oviatt House

Constructed in 1883 and listed as the oldest standing building on the UWO property, the Oviatt House was named after surgeon and physician Dr. Charles Oviatt. However, the house was originally constructed for Oshkosh Attorney Moses Hooper. Oviatt then purchased the building in 1900, and by 1912 it was used as a female dormitory. The building became a social center, and it served this purpose until 1934 when it became the president's house. In 1990, the house was used as the headquarters for the UWO Foundation and is now used for offices.

#### Albee Hall

Constructed in 1956 and first named the Health and Physical Education Building, this structure was renamed after George Summer Albee, the very first president of the Oshkosh Normal School. Albee served as president from 1871 until 1898, and he was an early advocate of physical education and activity in general. Albee was known to take his staff and students out for morning calisthenics on a daily basis during his time as president.

# Donner Hall

Donner Hall is named after



Courtesy of University Archives ABOVE: George Albee, the first president of the Oshkosh Normal School, is the inspiration for the name of Albee Hall. RIGHT: Cora "Barbara" Donner, an instructor in the History Department, donated \$1,000 to the eponymous building, which became the first co-ed dorm in 1970.

Dr. Cora "Barbara" Donner, history professor at the OSTC from 1926-1956. The residence hall opened in 1962 and in 1970, became the first co-ed dorm on campus.

Donner was born in 1891 and was raised in a large farming family in rural Green County, Wisconsin and earned her Ph.D. from the University of

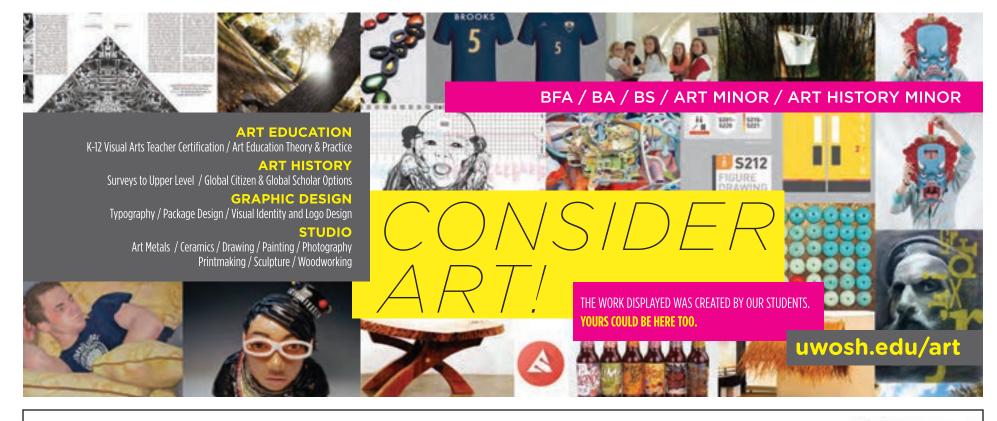


Chicago

As an instructor, and later chair of the History Department, Donner was known as a dynamic lecturer. In addition to teaching classes, she regularly spoke on history and contemporary events for local clubs. Of particular interest to these

groups was Donner's extended study trip to London and Nazi Germany. On campus, in addition to her official duties, Donner is credited for helping the college secure its first student center, Reeve Memorial Union.

In 1956, Donner retired from the Wisconsin State College Oshkosh after 30 years of service. In 1974, she died at the age of 82. Humbled by the dormitory that bore her name, Donner left in her will a sum of \$1,000 "for the purchase of good magazines for the women residing in Donner Hall."





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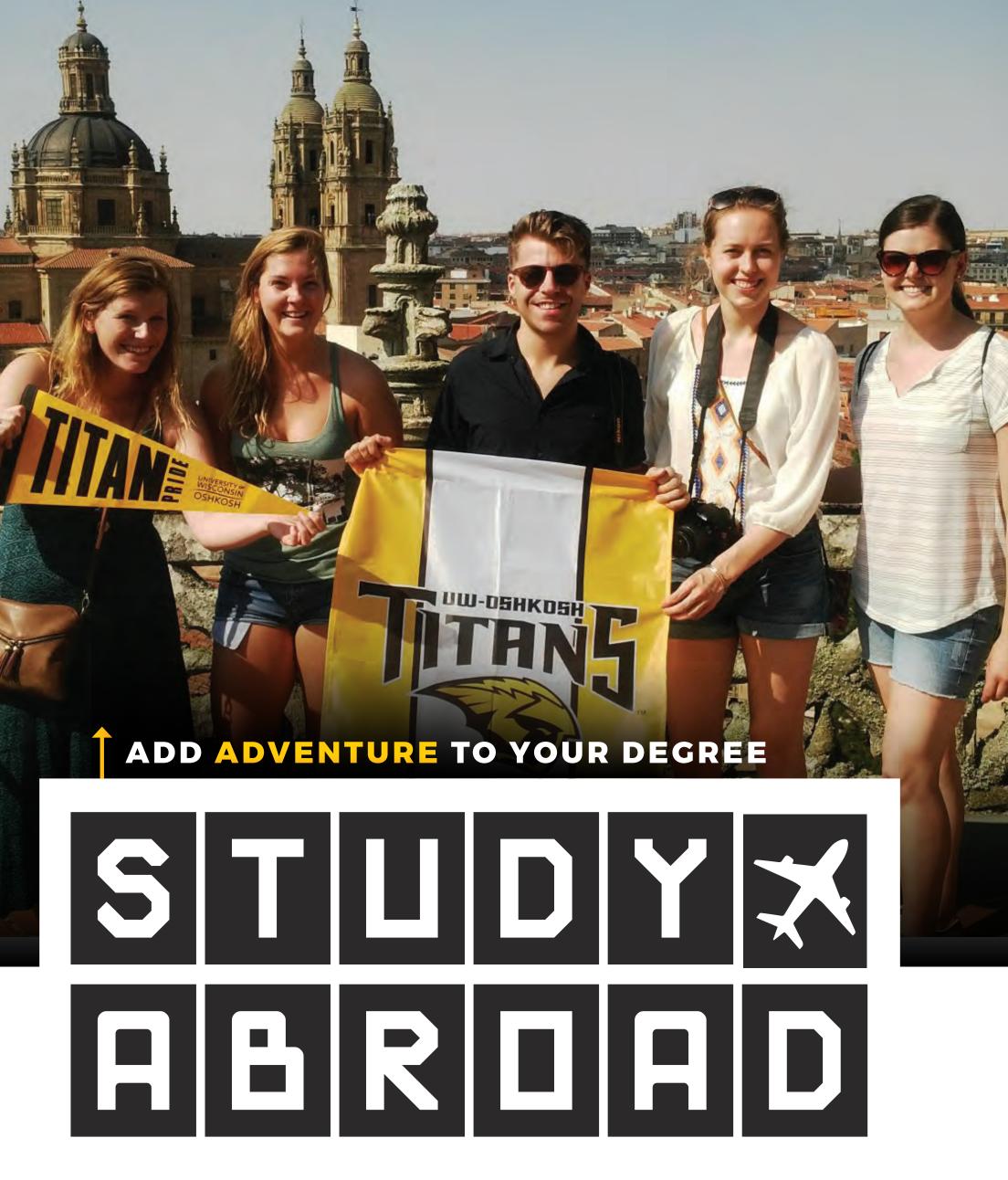
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Former President Barack Obama visited UW Oshkosh in February 2008. He spoke to an audience in Kolf as part of his presidential campaign.

# Famous visitors at UW Oshkosh

By Amber Brockman brocka24@uwosh.edu

Over the years, a variety of have been 128 famous visitors. noteworthy people have visited the UW Oshkosh campus including politicians, musicians, ath- ton, who visited campus in the

letes and more.

According to University Archives from 1960-2019, there educator, author, orator and advi-

One of the most important guests was Booker T. Washing-

Washington was an American sor to several U.S. presidents and was a dominant leader in the African American community from 1890-1915.



In 1971, the Afro-American Society sponsored a visit from Muhammad Ali. Ali was an American professional boxer, activist, entertainer, poet and philanthropist.



Jesse Jackson visited UWO in 1988. Jackson spoke at Kolf as part of the Oshkosh Student Association Speaker Series.

Jackson is an American political activist. He was a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1984 and 1988 and served as a shadow U.S. senator for the District of Columbia from 1991-97.



Former President Jimmy Carter visited UWO in 1987. He spoke at Kolf as part of the University Speaker Series.



American Actor Fredric March visited UWO in 1971 for an event as part the dedication of the Fredric March theater.

March was regarded as one of Hollywood's most celebrated, versatile stars of the 1930s and 1940s.

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# UWO creates first mascot 67 years ago



Courtesy of University Archives Tommy Titan embraces an Oshkosh cheerleader in 1974.

By Kylie Balk-Yaatenen balkyb22@uwosh.edu

This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of what is now known as the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. But the school didn't have a physical mascot until 1954.

According to University Archives, in 1937 the university adopted the name of the Titans as the official team name. In Greek mythology, Titans were strong giants who were children of Uranus and Gaea and ruled the Earth until they were overthrown by the younger Olympian gods.

The school chose the name through a student-wide naming contest held by The Advance, the name of the campus newspaper at the time. The Oct. 6, 1937 issue announced a "thrilling new contest" to name the school football team.

The name needed to be intimidating, unique to the area and be able to be used in school songs. The Advance received 68 entries.

Thomas Lynch from the class of



Courtesy of University Archives

Tommy Titan in the 1972 Homecoming parade on Main Street.

1940 was declared the winner in the contest with the name Titans, winning \$5 for his submission.

But a team mascot wasn't created immediately. According to a 1954 article from the school newspaper, Tommy Titan was an emblem for UWO, designed by Shirley Webber and was to appear in "The Quiver," the UWO year-book

According to archives, the original design was to look like a 1950s student with a light colored buzzcut and a letterman sweater. The image for the mascot didn't change much, but continued to be used for the next two decades.

According to a 1966 issue of The Advance, students weren't Turn to Mascot / Page B4





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# **Mascot**: Students vote in new mascot, name

happy with the name and the team colors and wanted to change them in the mid 1960s. The Student Government planned a referendum to discuss changing the name.

The Mascot Committee Chairman Buz Barlow wrote in a letter to the editor in the Dec. 2 issue that there was "an increasing interest within the WSU-O student body to change the school nickname."

However, a week later in the Dec. 9 issue, Barlow was quoted as saying that changing the team's name was not the best idea, and that the committee should call off the referendum and instead have art students create a new Titan mascot costume.

In October 1967, a new and unofficial "Tommy Titan" mascot costume debuted at a homecoming football game against St. Norbert College, according to University Archives. The new, redesigned mascot was created to look like the Greek mythology version of a titan, with a golden helmet and

The design was created by art students and Wisconsin State University-Oshkosh alumni, who built the 4-foot Titan head to be worn by a student at sporting events. The head did not last long because it was created out of paper mache. The mascot didn't appear at games after the early 1970s.

After the 1970s, students occasionally commented on the lack of a school mascot in the newspaper.

A Dec. 8, 1999 article titled "Cheering on the Titans" quoted a student who believed the university needed a costumed mascot



Courtesy of University Archives

The name of the new Titan mascot is unveiled by Chancellor Richard Wells during the Oct. 17, 2009 Homecoming game at J.J. Keller Field.

at sporting events to increase excitement. In an April 3, 1992 Advance-Titan, the need for a mascot was expressed in a satirical article that joked that the school should hire a middle-aged man to run around in a bronze-armored skirt and sandals at sporting events as a new mascot named Terry Titan.

A satirical advertisement in the Jan. 31, 2001 Advance-Titan, placed next to an advertisement for a mascot from the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, read: "NOW HIRING MASCOT! UW-Oshkosh is looking for a creative and energetic person to pose as a Titan for upcoming games and local appearances. Actually, we are just looking for anyone who knows what a Titan is or how to depict such a creature."

In 2004, UWO 1995 graduate Bruce Mickelson created the logo using the traditional titan head referencing Prometheus and used the colors black and gold and a lightning strike.

Former Chancellor Richard Wells told the UW Oshkosh News Bulletin, "The logo represents not only our athletic excellence, but also the intellectual fire we seek to instill in our students."

UWO commissioned Olympus Costume Company to create the mascot as a full-bodied version of the titan complete with a lightning bolt staff, skirt, cape and sandals.

The Northwestern asked the community in 2009 to name the mascot and some of the names up for vote were Clash, Lightning, Bolt and Caosh (a combination of chaos and Oshkosh).

Clash won the vote and was introduced at the 2009 homecoming game and is the mascot that is still used by UWO in 2021.

The history of UWO's mascot is varied, but one thing that will never change is what he stands for. He will always stand for UWO's strength and resilience.

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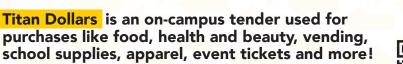


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# Humans of Oshkosh celebrates sesquicentennial



Courtesy of Dorian Boyland

Dorian Boyland played in 21 major league games with the Pirates before being traded to the San Francisco Giants during the 1981

#### By Dorian Boyland Class of 1976

The first time I met Coach (Bob) White, I felt honestly loved and respected. He was at my high school in Chicago recruiting me to play basketball for Oshkosh. He offered to bring me and another player to Oshkosh to visit and stay at his home.

That's when I got to meet Ma (Shirley White), their daughter Carol, who I consider my sister, and the dog Heidi. It was like leaving home and being with family again. I had other opportunities to go different places, but I felt a connection with him. I didn't have a father figure in my life, and I thought he would fit that bill for me.

At my first official practice as a freshman, I had a knee injury. We were scrimmaging, and I was on a fast break. The person guarding me was going one way, and I was trying to do a crossover and go left. The ball and my other side of the body went left, but my right knee didn't. I was 17 and had to go to the hospital to have surgery. I wasn't even old enough to go to the adult section so they put me in pediatrics.

While I was at the hospital, my mom stayed with the Whites at their home. They took care of her and brought her back and forth from the hospital to see me. My mom flew me back to Chicago for a couple of day. Quite frankly, I'm not going to say I was

# Recollections of UWO made into book

As part of UW Oshkosh's sesquicentennial celebration, UW Oshkosh collected a number of recollections from the humans of UW Oshkosh - from students, alumni, current and retired instructors and staff. These stories will be published in a special edition of Humans of UW Oshkosh book, which will also include UWO's historical timeline, a rephotography project showcasing archival photos and its current counterparts and other extras. We're highlighting some of the stories here.

Limited copies of the 200-page four-color book will be \$40 and available at the UWO Sesquicentennial Community Celebration Sept. 12 at the University, 800 Algoma Blvd.

All proceeds will fund scholarships for future Titans and Humans of Oshkosh Storytelling Projects through the UW Oshkosh Foundation. For more info, please visit https://uwosh.edu/150/.



Dorian Boyland founded Boyland Auto Group, which comprises of six dealerships.

depressed, but I was thinking, "I can't play basketball, I can't play baseball, how am I going to walk around in the snow?"

I told my mom that I wasn't going to go back to school until next year. My mom immediately called Coach White, who told me, "Look, I don't care if you don't play another game. You need to get back to school and I promise you, you can stay up

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# Humans: Trip to India inspired Hansen

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here as long as you want. Come back to school and graduate and make a life for yourself.' Immediately the next day, my mom put me on the plane to Oshkosh, where Coach White picked me up, and I stayed at his house for two weeks. He has been that person in my life other than my mom. Oshkosh, taking Coach White and his family aside, was the best four years of my life. Whatever so far I've accomplished in my life, I owe it all to those four years at Oshkosh."

#### By Heidi Hansen Classes of 1993 and 2013

In 2007, I was on a spiritual journey in India when I came across a man lying on the streets of Varanasi. He appeared very ill, and in retrospect was likely very close to the end of his life. People of Hindu faith consider Varanasi to be a sacred city and have traveled there to attain liberation from the cycle of death and rebirth for centuries. I felt pulled to care for this man, but I didn't know how to do this safely, so I left him a promise that the next time I came back to India I would know what to do. When I returned home to Oshkosh, I took some time to consider how I would keep my word. I humbled myself and signed up for a CNA course to learn the basics of caregiving.



Courtesy of Heidi Hansen Heidi Hansen is currently teaching in the College of Nursing.

Then I applied for admission to the UWO College of Nursing program as a non-traditional student. Nursing school is inherently challenging. Working

as a yoga instructor and being present for my two school-age daughters made getting back in the classroom after 16 years a little complicated.

I remember one of my daughters trying to reconcile my new role as a student. During my first week of classes, she said to me, "All my life, dinner has been on the table at 5 p.m., and here it is 5 p.m. and no dinner."

I earned my BSN in 2013 and celebrated with a return trip to India. In 2015, I earned an MSN with an emphasis in public health. I was passionate about my work as a hospice nurse and about caring for underserved populations in rural communities. I felt called to share this, and I started teaching in the UWO College of Nursing as an Instructional Academic Staff member in 2017. Each semester I teach Sophomore II students, brand new to the nursing program, in the simulation lab. I love teaching in this capacity because it's a very safe place for our students to learn and to make mistakes.

I tell my students that I understand that they will make mistakes, and that's OK, we're going to work through simulation together. I don't say, "That is wrong. This is right. Let's move on." They wouldn't develop into critical thinkers if I used that approach.

When I reflect on my learning experiences as a student and nurse, I think about the gift we have working with our patients. You can read and learn from books and lectures, but it is the

application of that knowledge that makes nursing come to life. Our patients are ultimately our greatest teachers.

#### By Walt Busalacchi Class of 1972

While growing up, I viewed college as something other people did. My family didn't do college. We worked. No one in my family had graduated from high school much less college. My dad was a floor sander and owned his own business. My mom was a housewife.

After high school, I spent three years in factories working as an assembler, machine operator, machine repairman, and I drove a truck for a while. I was dating my high school girlfriend, and we decided to get married. As the wedding date approached, I began to question, not the marriage, but working in a factory for the next 30, 40 years. So we postponed our wedding, and I went back to school

I spent a year at MATC (Milwaukee Area Technical College) and transferred to Oshkosh as a sophomore. My girlfriend and I got married between my junior and senior year. We lived at 806 Scott Ave., paid \$85 a month for a furnished apartment with utilities and another \$5 for the garage. That was 1971.

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> -Alyssa Wastradowski, Class of '21 Starting graduate school for Sustainable Peace Building

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# Humans: 'You either got this slop or that'



Walt Busalacchi

One day while walking through Albee, I saw a sign for student assistants to supervise the gymnastics gym. The job was to make sure no one killed themselves on the trampoline or other apparatus and to help some of the women gymnasts practice their routines by spotting them.

I was a high school gymnast and was on the team at MATC. I expressed interest in the position to Dick Schumacher, the assistant director of intramural sports, who had played men's basketball at Oshkosh State Teachers College from 1947-50.

He asked, "You a gymnast?" I told him my background, and he said, "OK, can you start Monday?" That was the exhaustive job interview and the beginning of a long-term friendship and relationship with Dick and his family that continues to this day.

When I was doing factory work, my intellectual curiosity

was not satisfied. So when I went off to school, it was like, "Wow! This is terrific!" I loved school and was interested in everything. My decision to go to college was like giving a thirsty man water. I even enjoyed taking exams because it was an opportunity to show what I knew or what I thought.

At that time, there was a Broad Field Social Science major in secondary education, which allowed me to take courses in many different subject areas. I graduated with that major and high honors in 1972.

#### By Susan (Huibregtse) Zeihen Class of 1961

I lived in Radford for two years, from 1957 to 1959. I must've been there during a high enrollment year because the rooms that were meant for two, there were three people. Everybody had their doors open all the time. We communicated by leaving notes on our doors. We'd write something like, "Hi, went to dinner, come over later," or "At the library, see you soon." We also had a house mother and father, a couple named Mr. and Mrs. Smith, even though our dorm was all girls.

We had to sign in and sign out all the time. We had hours too; we had to be home by 10:30 p.m. during weeknights and midnight on Saturday. If Mr. Smith would be coming down the hall,



#### Susan Zeihen

somebody would holler, "Man on the floor!" because you could be in your room changing or something, since our doors were open a lot.

We never liked Mr. Smith hanging around, and Mrs. Smith was crabby. At 10:30 at night, one would be at each door. They look at the clock or their watch and say, "You're late, girly!" You'd be running fast, coming back from the bars. Our cafeteria was in the basement, but there wasn't much choice for food. You either got this slop or that slop.

After Radford, I lived in Pollock House. There was this covered windowed hallway that was heated. We used to sit on these hard chairs in the hallway and smoke with our feet up on the radiators. There were 16 or so people who lived in Pollock

House.

You had to have good grades and be an upperclassman. It was nice because there was no house mother. I was an elementary education major for one day, and I heard people talking about something — I can't remember what but I think it was a class we had to take — and I thought, "Oh god, no I don't want to do that."

The next day I went back, and I switched to secondary education with an English emphasis. I didn't know what to take; I had no idea. I just thought well, I'm good at reading and writing, but the thought of teaching, I wasn't really thrilled with that idea. But in those days you were either a secretary, a nurse or a teacher.





# Learn about clubs, jobs at Sept. 7 Taste of Oshkosh

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh will host Taste of Oshkosh, its biannual student opportunity fair, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sept. 7.

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There will also be a Lunch on the Lawn buffet at this event, along with a plethora of free giveaways that serve as an extra incentive to check out the activities and tables.

For students who are unable to make the Sept. 7 event, another Taste of Oshkosh Opportunity Fair will be held in the beginning of the spring semester. That date will be released in the near future.



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# This week in **UWO** history

- Sept. 2, 1966: Terry Jorgensen, a former baseball major leaguer and Oshkosh Titan standout, is born in Kewaunee, Wisconsin. A UW-Oshkosh Titans Hall of Fame member, Jorgensen helped lead the Titans to their first NCAA Division III title and winning World Series MVP honors to boot – as a freshman in 1985. Jorgensen played three seasons with the Minnesota Twins – 1989, 1992 and 1993 – after being selected by them in the second round of the 1987 amateur draft.
- **Sept. 4, 1899**: A marble bust is unveiled at the school's auditorium to honor George S. Albee one year to the day after the school's first president's death. The bust was created by famous Oshkosh sculptress (and Normal School graduate) Helen Farnsworth Mears. Those in attendance include President R. H. Halsey, and professors Frederick R. Clow, Emily Webster and Rose C. Swart.
- **Sept. 5, 1934**: The Board of Regents abolishes the school's Industrial Educational Department. It declared all future work will be taught in the Training School
- Sept. 6, 1921: The Board of Regents grants Oshkosh the ability to offer four-year curriculums for the training of high school teachers and manual arts teachers. Graduates of the former two- and three-year programs could complete the new curricula by doing the additional courseload.
- **Sept. 7, 1906**: The Oshkosh senior class sponsors an all-day boat excursion for staff members of the Ouiver, the school's yearbook. The eight-mile journey takes the group through the Fox River and Lake Butte des Morts. Supper is served at the Hull House, followed by a half-hour of singing. Professor Walter C. Hewitt – "the patron saint" for the class of 1907 provides "the leading spirit." Professor Earl A. Clemons is also among those notable in attendance.
- **Sept. 9, 1965**: Forrest R. Polk, the longest-tenured president at any state educational institution through his time, dies at Mercy Hospital at 76. He served as campus president from 1931 to 1959. The university library bears his name.
- **Sept. 10, 1986**: Oshkosh is flooded with five inches of rain in under 24 hours. The Kolf Sports Center lobby becomes home to about three inches of floodwater while the wooden gymnasium is spared damage.

Source: University Archives

# Notable national championship teams

**By Cory Sparks** sparkc21@uwosh.edu

Over the course of UW Oshkosh's historic athletic program's history, the school has taken home 47 national championships.

Of the 47 times that UWO has come out on top nationally, 32 of those occasions have been in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division-III competition, nine have been in National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) competition, three have been in NCAA Division-II competition and one has been in Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Division II competition.

Here's a look at some of the championship teams:

#### 1973 men's gymnastics

UWO's 1973 men's gymnastics team won the school's first ever national championship in any sport while competing in the NAIA.

This came just seven years after gymnastics was named an official sport at UWO in 1966.

The team was coached by Ken Allen, who held the job from 1969-1992.

While funding for the sport fizzled out in the mid-1990s, this championship will always be marked as one that started a legacy in the UWO athletic program.

#### 1985 baseball

UWO's 1985 baseball team was the first group of Titans to take



Jorgensen

tional championship as **NCAA** an Division III team (the status of UWO now). This team

home a na-

was an absolute jugger-

naut, as they put together a 37-3 regular season record and had four players (Tory Cota, Bob Stocker,



**Courtesy of University Archives** 

The Titan women celebrate their 1996 win as national champions.

Kevin Reichardt and Terry Jorgensen) receive All-American recognition.

After defeating Marietta College (Ohio) 11-6 in the championship game, head coach Russ Tiedemann (who the home field is currently named after) was named NCAA D-III coach of the year.

#### 1996 women's basketball

UWO's 1996 women's basketball team had the perfect season, winning all 31 of their games including the national title against Mount Union College (Ohio) by a score of 66-50.

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# Champs: Men's basketball wins first national title in program history

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This team was led by head coach Kathi Bennett, and their scoring efforts were bolstered by Shelley Diaz, who scored 20 points with a 6-for-9 shooting effort from behind the three-point line.

Wendy Wangerin, UWO's all time points leader with 1,743 points, was also on this historic roster. Among other attributes, the team scored a season-high of 94 points against UW-Superior while also allowing a season-low of 26 points to UW-River Falls.

#### 2014 women's track and field

UWO's 2014 women's indoor track and field team claimed the most recent women's national championship of any women's team at the school, and they did it in back-to-back fashion after winning in 2013 as well.

Christy Cazzola set the school 3000-meter run record time by completing the race in 9:38.72, and a 1600-meter relay team including Stephanie Jahn, Caitlyn McCormick, Elizabeth Pospyhalla and Kylee Verhasselt ran a school record time of 3:49.21 in the same year.

Ben Dorsey, who stayed with the team from 2014-2016, was the coach for this season.

#### 2019 men's basketball

UWO's 2019 men's basketball team claimed the most recent national championship for



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The 2019 Titan men's basketball team holds up the championsip trophy in front of their faithful fans as confetti rains down around them. It is their first national championship in program history.

the school when they defeated Swarthmore College (Ind.) by a score of 96-82.

The Titans went 13-1 in the regular season before going unde-

feated all throughout the playoffs to win the school's 47th national championship.

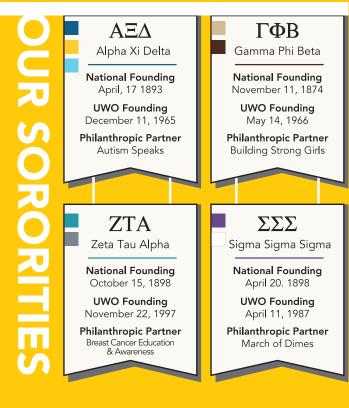
Jack Flynn led the team's efforts in the title game with a ca-

reer-high 33 points while shooting 13-for-18 from the field. Flynn was also named the Most Outstanding Player at the Final Four

Matt Lewis, the current head coach, coached the team to the national championship in his very first year with UWO.



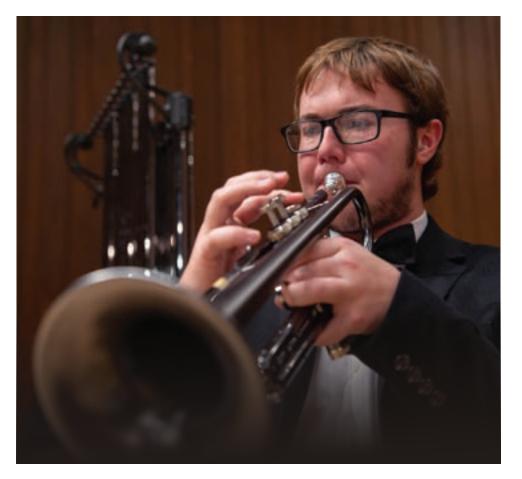
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