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Joseph Scheivert is taking on two pep bands this year. Along with conducting the Titan Thunder Marching Band, he will be the head of the Titan Bolt Band. The Titan Bolt Band plans to play at men's and women's basketball games this season and beyond.

Scheivert builds marching band

By Katie Pulvermacher
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Overwhelming. That is how the new Titan Thunder Marching Band director describes the process of starting up a new marching band from scratch.

The new band will debut in fall 2022.

"It is frequently overwhelming," said band director Joseph Scheivert, who was hired in the summer of 2021. "There are so many different plates that need to keep spinning at all times."

UW Oshkosh is estimating the band will cost \$723,592 to purchase instruments and uniforms. The university does not currently own any marching band instruments that are of use. Even though there have been marching bands in the past, Scheivert said the instruments are nowhere to be found.

"Certainly the instruments that were used in the previous iterations of marching band from 1980 and before have gone somewhere," Scheivert said. "No one has really provided any information on where those might be, but at the same time, any of those instruments would have been sitting around somewhere for four decades, and the chances of them being in a good playing condition is pretty unlikely."

UWO is looking to provide in-

struments for all students in all sections.

"It's pretty important for us to make sure we're giving every student a quality instrument to use that the university can keep track of the maintenance for," Scheivert said.

Some music major students might have instruments of their own to play, but the school does not have a place for them to be stored on campus. Scheivert said he is hoping students can utilize these new instruments through their playing time at UWO.

Uniforms are another main cost in starting the marching band.

The uniforms will be hand-sewn and custom made. Scheivert said they will purchase uniforms in a variety of sizes depending on the likely sizes of students who are going to be in the band.

More uniforms will need to be purchased than needed in anticipation of both the band growing in the first few years and to make sure there are enough of different sizes. He said it is difficult to order uniforms one at a time in order to be cost-effective, so there

will be an order of at least 200 uniforms.

"What we're looking to do from a uniform perspective is to really capture a sense of collegiate nostalgia, which does exist for the school, but we just have to look back away," Scheivert said. "At the same time, we want to make it look like a uniform that was designed now."

There is a sketch of what the uniforms will hopefully look like, but this cannot be

released until the uniform supplier has been contracted to start production.

More instruments than needed will be ordered as there is no exact idea of who will all play what instrument and how many of each are needed.

"I have some general ideas of what we're going to aim [for] to start with, but thankfully the folks that we're looking to work with in terms of instrument purchases are flexible," Scheivert said. "If I get to March or April and see where things are lining up as far as recruiting and people signing up for the band, I should have the

flexibility to say 'well actually we can probably use about four more saxophones, but three fewer soubaphones.'"

Scheivert said Chancellor Andrew Leavitt has set a reachable target of 100 students in the band in year one. Based on UWO's peer institutions around the state, Scheivert thinks we can expect a band closer to the 150 to 200 range in a relatively short time.

For instance, the UW-Eau Claire band is now pushing 500 marching band members, and their school population is only slightly larger than UWO's, Scheivert said.

"Anybody going into a college marching band is likely coming out of a high school marching band, so we know what that base level is," Scheivert said. "Certainly, we want to be able to take as many folks as we're able."

Scheivert said he thinks he will have students apply for the marching band. He may also include a small audition component.

"I think it's helpful for us to see the range of where students are playing to get in," Scheivert said. "We don't have the opportunity to take someone who is a beginner clarinet player, and bring them up to the level of being able to play even a fight song within a whole year. However, we're not looking to have an audition to expressly be able to cut people."

In terms of songs the marching band will play, the school has a fight song, but it is not something that has been used regularly. UWO alumnus and composer David Gillingham was asked to write a new fight song for the school.

Pregame shows will include school songs, the National Anthem and more, while halftime shows will be more diverse in the type of music played. Audiences will not have to watch the same show four or five times in a year.

"It's important for us to have a variety of shows that appeal to students and appeal to our fans in different ways," Scheivert said. "Any opportunity for us to diversify what we're playing makes us a more marketable ensemble."

The band will be performing at all Titan football home games, performing in bigger local parades especially early on to promote the band as part of the community and possibly travel to away games.

"No matter how much money I spend or how many schedules I have to coordinate, none of it matters if we don't have students in the band," Scheivert said. "This [band] is something we are opening to students of all majors from all UWO campuses. It is something ... you're going to remember positively for the rest of your life."

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- Joseph Scheivert,
Titan Thunder band
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Albee Hall will include a gender-neutral shower/locker room that is scheduled for completion in September 2022.

Albee to include all-gender locker room

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UW Oshkosh is making renovations to Albee Hall to include an all-gender locker room that is scheduled for completion in September 2022.

Currently, all-gender bathrooms are available in 15 campus buildings.

“There are gender-neutral (single use) toilet rooms in all new or newly remodeled buildings, such as Horizon Village, Clow Hall, Sage, Reeve Union, Student Success Center, Dempsey, Halsey, Student Rec and Wellness Center (SRWC) and the Culver Family Welcome Center,” UWO Senior Facilities Architect Kevin Shumann said. “Of these, only SRWC has a shower.”

LGBTQ+ Resource Center Director Liz Cannon said that UWO was completely supportive of changing single stall re-

strooms to all-gender, but Albee Hall was a bit of a stumbling block.

“Given how old Albee Hall is, it has been something that we’ve been working on ever since we started advocating for all-gender restrooms across campus, and that started years ago out of the Gender Equity Council,” Cannon said. “We were just stumped by Albee because there were no single stall restrooms that could be all gender, and the locker room, not only is it completely open, but the showers are really dated where you’re basically showering with everybody.”

Cannon said that not having an all-gender locker room or bathrooms can be a huge barrier for transgender and nonbinary students on campus.

“I’m somebody who was comfortable enough that I could get away without worrying about having a private place to change,

but working with so many trans and nonbinary students on campus, I knew this was a real barrier for them wanting to use Albee at all,” Cannon said. “And then, for anybody who had classes in Albee or the gym, there really were no all-gender restrooms for them to use, so this was a real stumbling block with this building that otherwise has a lot of positive things to offer campus.”

Cannon said the need for all-gender restrooms became especially apparent after hearing the challenges some students faced.

“The number of students who would come and tell me that they would go to the bathroom before they left their hall or house in the morning, and once they got to campus they just didn’t go to the bathroom because they were harassed whenever they tried to use the restroom, being told they were in the wrong restroom, or

actually being blocked or bullied,” Cannon said. “I had students who actually left campus and transferred to another school because their experience was — they just couldn’t take it.”

Although the need was apparent, Cannon said the big question was “How can we make it happen?”

“We finally had an administration that was really supportive of it,” Cannon said. “The Gender Equity Council actually did a survey of every single building and made suggestions of which single stall restrooms could be converted to an all-gender restroom and facilities was right behind us in making it all happen.”

For more information on all-gender restrooms at UWO visit the LGBTQ+ Resource Center website at uwosh.edu/lgbtqcenter/resources/restrooms/.

Beware: Unexpected checks could be scams

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Have you ever received an unexpected check in the mail?

While your first thought may be to celebrate this surprise – think twice about that check. It could be a scam.

I recently worked with a UW Oshkosh college student who fell prey to an active fake check scam here on campus. He was sent a check for \$1,500, which he placed in his account via mobile deposit. As soon as the funds were available, he sent some of the money back to the scammer. If it were not for a lock we placed on his account, this student could have been out the full \$1,500 – because, of course, the check he was sent was no good.

Bad check scams are an attempt to steal money by asking for a portion of what victims may otherwise view as a gift. The scam takes advantage of a law that requires institutions to make funds available quickly. As soon as those

funds are available in an account, the institution may say that the check has “cleared,” but that does not always mean that the check is good. In fact, fake checks can take weeks to be discovered, according to the Federal Trade Commission. By then, the scammer has already gotten away with the victim’s money, leaving the victim holding the bag.

Scammers often prey on college students, who they see as uninformed on issues related to finances. Here are three situations that should put you on high alert.

1) Someone you do not know wants to send you money. If anyone reaches out to you on social media wanting to send you money, or requests your personal information, that is a red flag.

2) Someone asks for money. Sometimes scammers will try to scare victims by posing as an authority figure, such as a government official. If anyone directly asks for money in exchange for solving a problem, that should give you pause.

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3) Someone needs access to your account. If anybody contacts you claiming to represent a financial institution and wants access to your account, it is almost always a scam.

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sage. When in doubt, hang up and call us directly at 800-533-6773.

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Arts & Entertainment



Lexi Wojcik- Kretchmer / Advance-Titan

Brittany Adelmund and Rachel Seidl making healthy smoothies at Fresh on the Fox. The SWRC recently opened up the smoothie bar based on a survey from 2020.

‘Fresh on the Fox’ opens at SWRC

By Cory Sparks
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The UW Oshkosh Student Recreation and Wellness Center or SRWC has a new addition. The Fresh on the Fox smoothie is up and running — pun intended.

The stand had its grand opening Oct. 26, but it was operating a couple of weeks beforehand as Aladdin Campus Dining worked out some last-minute details.

The stand is located on the right side of the SRWC entrance, near the lounge area.

Carese Walczyk, wellness dietitian for Aladdin, said the smoothie bar was created after a student survey showed students wanted another campus dining option. Within those results, smoothies came up a lot in terms of what this new dining

option should include. “The idea behind setting up a smoothie bar at the SRWC came from a survey that was done in 2020 asking students what they would like to see in a new food venue on campus,” Walczyk said. “The No. 1 response to that survey was smoothies. Since this would be added to the SRWC, we wanted to be sure that Fresh on the Fox would fit into and complement the emphasis on wellness and health.”

Brian Warzynski, the assistant university dining director, said he saw the recent influx in interest about putting healthy things into one’s body as a perfect opportunity to bring the smoothie stand back. He also said the appeal in the stand’s location is the view out of the windows and the fact that it was a popular gathering place already.



Lexi Wojcik-Kretchmer / Advance- Titan

“As students evolve and worry about their health, we want to be there for them too,” Warzynski said. “So much now is being

conscious about what we put in our bodies, which is great to see. With the area vacant it was an easy win for everyone on

campus.” Anthony Wirth, SRWC associate director, said the smoothie stand added an extra element to the facility. In fact, the front portion of the building is no longer the vacant area that it used to be since the smoothie bar is a main attraction there.

“Students are stopping on their way out after working out, but we’re also seeing people coming here as a destination for smoothies and other healthy food,” Wirth said. “It’s added more use to the area in the front of our building. Folks can take their food and do homework, look out at the river, cozy up next to the fireplace or watch something on our big screen.”

Campus & Community events

Nov. 11, 12, 13, 19 and 20
A Bear in Winter, UW Oshkosh Theater Department, at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 21 at 2 p.m. Student tickets cost \$5.

Nov. 12, 13 and 14
Escanaba in the Moonlight, 7:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Nov. 14. Grand Opera House, 100 High Ave.

Nov. 19-Jan. 10
Nutcracker in the Castle, Paine Art Center and Gardens. Admission charged.

Nov. 13-Jan. 23
White Christmas: The Exhibition, Oshkosh Public Museum, Admission charged.

Nov. 26-Jan. 1
Oshkosh Celebration of Lights, Menominee Park, Open 5:30-9 p.m. daily. Admission per carload is \$10 with \$1 off with donation of sealed hygiene item.

Nov. 11
Guest Recital, 7:30 p.m., Erin Murphy, flute, Kirstin Ihde, piano. Music Hall in the Arts & Communication Center

Terrarium Night, 7-9 p.m., Titan Underground

Nov. 12
An Evening with Hornwoggle, 6:30 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Nov. 13
Holiday Wonders Shopping Expo and Craft Fair, 125 vendors, free admission. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center, Winnebago County Fairgrounds

Nov. 14
Senior Recital, 3 p.m., Mitchell Al-Ubaidi, voice. Music Hall in the Arts & Communications Center

Nov. 16
Bingo, 6-7 p.m., Titan Underground. Free with TitanCard.

Horn Studio Recital, 7 p.m., Students from the studio of Bruce Atwell. Music Hall in the Arts & Communications Center

Hornswoggle is back

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Born and raised in Oshkosh, Hornswoggle is coming back to town for a standup comedy routine on Nov. 12.

Those new to Oshkosh or unfamiliar with his profession may not know the story of Hornswoggle. Standing at 4’5” and 137 lbs, This Oshkosh native went pro in entertainment wrestling.

He first began this path in 2004 in the Fox Valley Wrestling Alliance and appeared in several minor competitions, like National Wrestling Alliance Wisconsin, where he

went on to win the division championship.

In 2006 another opportunity opened for him, and he joined the WWE where he continued his path for the next 10 years. In his time in the big rings, he went on to have several dramatic storylines including illegitimate sons, false mascots and a shaved head.

The man on stage is Hornswoggle, but the Oshkosh native is better known as Dylan Postl. Postl is coming back to the Time Community Theater downtown for a comedy event “An Evening With Hornswoggle!” on Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.

Sports

Titans claim WIAC championship

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The UW Oshkosh women’s soccer team defeated UW-La Crosse 2-1 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) championship game at J.J. Keller Field on Saturday, earning the Titans their third WIAC championship title.

The Titans also won the tournament in 2014 and 2011, and now receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Championship.

In the first half, Mackenzie Stein opened the scoring with an unassisted goal from about 15 yards out in the 21 minute. This goal was Stein’s fourth of the season and put the Titans on top early in the game. Minutes later, UWL would even the score with a goal from Ellie Arndt.

The Titans countered with Mackenzie Bennett scoring what would be the winning goal in the 32nd minute. Bennett took a free kick from about 30 yards out and buried it in the back of the net for her sixth goal of the year. This was Bennett’s third game-winning goal in the last three games, as she scored in the 95 minute against UW-Eau Claire and the 96 minute against UW-River Falls.

Neither team would touch the score sheet, and the Titans went on to win 2-1.

After the match, Stein said: “The goal was absolutely insane. I left myself speechless to be honest. [It was] the best feeling I have had in a while. Honestly, [it] felt like a million bucks, but nothing compares to the feeling of the final whistle blowing, which sealed the deal of officially being WIAC champions. [I] loved celebrating with my team.”

UWO’s Erin Toomey saved sev-



Courtesy of Terri Cole

Forward Alexia Poulos evades a UW-La Crosse player on her way to the goal. Poulos has scored four goals this season.

en shots against UWL, who was appearing in their fifth straight WIAC championship game, en route to win No. 16 on the year, the most in program history. Oshkosh outscored its opponents this season 50-15 and have outshot their opponents 337-173. With the win, the Titans extended their home winning streak to 15 straight matches at J.J. Keller Field.

In order to reach the championship game, the Titans had to beat

UWEC in overtime 3-2 in the WIAC semifinal on Nov. 4. Bennett opened the scoring for the Titans on a free kick from 21-yards out in the 47 minute to go up 1-0. The Titans would extend their lead to 2-0 in the 51 minute after Mallory Knight scored from 6 yards out off a cross from Stein. UWEC

came back and tied the game after goals from Emma Stange and Ava Quick in the 58 and 82 minutes, respectively. In the 95 minute, the

Titans finally broke the deadlock. Rylie Kaufmann crossed the ball to Bennett, who headed the ball into the back of the net to send UWO to the WIAC championship game.

During the Nov. 8 NCAA Division III selection show for women’s soccer, the Titans were given a No. 2 seed in the tournament. UW Oshkosh will face Wheaton College of Illinois at 1:30 p.m. on Friday at Stagg Field in Chicago in the first round of the NCAA Division III Tournament.

“It was one of the best feelings I’ve had,” said forward Piper Green. “ We made history. There were so many emotions. We aren’t done yet though. We leave for the NCAA tournament in a few days.”

“We made history.”
- Piper Green,
UWO soccer forward



Scoreboard

Thursday, Nov. 4

Women’s Volleyball

UW Oshkosh 2
UW-Eau Claire 3

Women’s Soccer

UW Oshkosh 3
UW-Eau Claire 2

Women’s Basketball

UW Oshkosh 67
Michigan Tech 71

Friday, Nov. 5

Women’s Basketball

UW Oshkosh 60
Finlandia 53

Men’s Cross Country

UW Oshkosh 3/4, 59

Women’s Cross Country

UW Oshkosh 2/3, 46

Saturday, Nov. 6

Men’s Basketball

UW Oshkosh 90
Augustana 70

Women’s Soccer

UW Oshkosh 2
UW-Lacrosse 1

Football

UW Oshkosh 49
UW-Stevens Point 17

Men’s Swim and Dive

UW Oshkosh 112
UW-Whitewater 140

Women’s Swim and Dive

UW Oshkosh 113
UW-Whitewater 168



A Bear in Winter

by Richard Kalinoski
Directed by Richard Kalinoski

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Titan football gets to the point on field



Courtesy of Steve Frommell
Trac Tetzlaff battles down the field.

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The UW Oshkosh football team defeated UW-Steven’s Point 49-17 on Saturday at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

On their first possession, the Pointers scored on a Victor Pontorio 48-yard field goal to go up 3-0. The Titans would then score 49 unanswered points.

With 9:11 to go in the first quarter, running back Mac Winkler scored his first touchdown of the day on a 67-yard run. Mitch Gerhartz would score on Oshkosh’s next possession with a 17-yard rushing touchdown to put UWO on top 14-3.

Six seconds into the second quarter Winkler scored once again. Winkler’s 21-yard rushing touchdown increased the Titans lead to 21-3. With 10:30 to go in the first half, Point’s returner Jahi Stigall fumbled a punt, which was recov-

ered by UWO’s Mackade Mella at the 1-yard line of UWSP. It would take the Titans only one play to score again. Mitch Gerhartz rushed for his second touchdown of the game, this time a 1-yard run. The Titans would score once more before halftime. Quarterback Kobe Berghammer found tight end Steven Makinen for a 21-yard touchdown pass. Going into halftime, UWO led the game 35-3.

After halftime, the Pointer’s quarterback Max Herro threw an interception to UWO’s Eli Tranel, which set up another Titan touchdown seven plays later. Berghammer found an open Tony Steger in the endzone to increase the Oshkosh lead to 42-3. This would be the last drive to feature Kobe Berghammer and the other UWO starters on offense, with freshman Cody Staerkel coming in as quarterback. Staerkel would lead the Titans down the field on their next drive and set up a three-yard Bryce

Huettner rushing touchdown.

In the fourth quarter, the Pointers would score for the first time since their opening possession. Max Herro found Ernie LaSpisa for an 18-yard touchdown pass. With 6:45 to go in the game, UWSP scored once again, with Herro finding Jeremy Kobe for a 15-yard touchdown. Herro would be intercepted again, this time by CJ Sykes, to put the game to bed. The Titans would run out the clock, winning their sixth game of the season 49-17.

After the game, senior defensive lineman Alex Jagla said: “It was a great team win. We performed well in all three phases of the game: offense, defense and special teams.”

Berghammer went 12-21 for 163 yards passing and 23 yards rushing, with two passing touchdowns in the win. He now has 19 touchdown passes on the year and just three interceptions.

Mac Winkler led the team in rushing, with 114 yards on nine

carries, which is his season best. Winkler’s touchdowns were his third and fourth of the year.

Bryce Huettner rushed for 29 yards and scored his first touchdown of his college career.

The win was Oshkosh’s ninth in the past 10 meetings with UWSP. The Pointers still lead the series 61-49-8 against the Titans in the WIAC’s oldest rivalry that began in 1896. The Titans moved to 19 in the d3football.com top 25 rankings after the win.

Head coach Pat Cerroni said UWO’s next opponent, UW-River Falls, is a good running team. “Number 6 [Luke Fugate] is a very good running back and is one of their best players,” he said, adding that UWFR is likely “to run the ball” and that the Falcons are a “no huddle 100 miles per hour team.”

UWO will play UW-River Falls at home Nov. 13 in their regular season finale.

Vanquishing the Vikings for basketball opener

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The UW Oshkosh men’s basketball team had an exceptional opener Saturday, winning 90-70 over the Augustana Vikings.

Jonah Rindfleisch is a massive freshman standing at 6’8” who was a great asset for the team when he was sent in to replace one of his teammates. Rindfleisch said he felt satisfied with the team’s performance.

Hunter Plamann, also a senior, said he was extremely proud of the team as a whole.

“The only success is team success,” Plamann said, praising the defensive efforts of the team.

This marks the first win of the UW Oshkosh men’s basketball season, with both improvement and wins to follow.

The next game will be hosted at Illinois Wesleyan against St. John’s University on Nov. 12.



Courtesy of Steve Frommell
Eddie Muench goes for a shot. Muench put up 24 points in the team’s opening victory over Augustana.

“The energy from the fans and bench made a big difference,” he said. “As a team I feel our potential is super high; we went out and made some mental mistakes, but we also played good and showed what we’re good at.”

As a player, Rindfleisch showed what he was good at, earning praise from teammate Eddie Muench.

Muench, a senior, said due to the COVID-19 lockdown, this is his third but final year on the court. However, he’s taking advantage of every second.

“We’ve only been practicing the past two weeks, and I think we made a lot of new progress,” Muench said. “We also have two new coaches, so it’s new for them too... everyone’s learning. We’ve really come a long way.”

With this first game, there’s also a lot to reflect on that practices can’t substitute for, and Muench’s mind is set on improving defensively and mentally.

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Courtesy of Steve Frommell
Senior Julia Silloway takes the ball up the court while being defended by Kerstin Sauerbrei in UWO’s 79-40 home opener win against Lakeland University. Silloway had three points, five rebounds and four assists.

Arneson, Porath push Titans to 2-0

By Cory Sparks
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The UW Oshkosh women’s basketball team went 2-0 against Finlandia University and Lakeland University in their first two non-conference regular season games in over a year and a half.

The Titans came into the season ranked No. 17 nationally after finishing last year’s abbreviated season with a 9-2 record and their third consecutive WIAC championship win.

After dropping a pair of preseason games to the UW-Madison (Division I) and Michigan Technical College (Division II), the UWO team traveled to Finlandia on Nov. 5 to win their first regular season game 60-53.

Senior Nikki Arneson led the effort with 16 points and eight rebounds on a 4-for-8 shooting effort from behind the three-point line, while senior and preseason All-America honors recipient Leah Porath added 10 points of her own while shooting 2-for-4 from beyond the arc.

Senior Abby Kaiser also put up 10 points along with 6 rebounds in the game.

The Titans shot just 28.3% from the field, but it was their consistency at the free throw line, going 27-for-29 or 93%, that pushed them to their first victory of the year.

Porath, who led the conference in points per game last year with 18.7, said that being able to play

in regular season competition has her feeling optimistic as she looks ahead at the rest of the year.

“Playing in our first regular season game this past weekend got me more excited about the season finally starting,” she said. “I am excited to see where this season takes us and how we build upon our foundation.”

The Titans then came home and defeated Lakeland 79-40 at their first game in Kolf Sports Center with fans in over a year and a half.

Arneson once again led the way in points (15) and rebounds (10) for her first double double of the season, while Porath added 14 points and sophomore Kayce Vaile put up a career high 11 points.

Porath, who has shot 4-for-6 from behind the arc to start off the year, said that her range was something she focused on in the offseason since the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) backed the women’s three-point line up from 20’9” to 22’1.75” (now equivalent to the men’s line) in June.

“With the three-point line moving back this year, a lot of my focus this summer was to get comfortable with that distance,” she said.

With former center Karsyn Ruth being the only member of the team who graduated, the majority of the Titans’ roster from last year has returned. Porath said she sees this returning roster as an opportunity to continue to build on the

success achieved by this team in the past couple of years.

“With having most of the roster back from last year, it’s almost like we get to build from where we left off,” Porath said. “We already have that team chemistry on the court, we know each other’s strengths and weaknesses. As a team we were able to keep moving forward from day one.”

With the Titans’ last NCAA postseason run ending in the Sweet 16 round due to the COVID-19 outbreak in March 2020, Porath said she wants to take this team deep into the playoffs to finish off her college career.

“My goal for this year is simple, and that is to take our team farther in the postseason than we have before,” she said. “I haven’t been farther than the Sweet 16 in my career, so I am looking to advance past that hopefully to a final four.”

UWO will travel to Minnesota to face Bethany Lutheran College on Nov. 12. Bethany Lutheran was the last team the Titans played in the 2020 NCAA Division III championship before the pandemic halted the tournament.

The Titans came out on top in that matchup by a score of 67-60 when the two teams last faced off on March 7, 2020.

UWO will wrap up their weekend in Minnesota playing the University of Minnesota Morris on Nov. 13.



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Leah Porath makes a layup off the glass in a conference game against UW-River Falls last year.



Photos courtesy of UWO alumnus Leviathan Whitfield

The trial of Kyle Rittenhouse (pictured below), who is facing multiple charges for his actions on Aug. 25 in Kenosha, could set a precedent for future cases of vigilantism and the use of deadly force.

Self-defense or not?

Rittenhouse verdict will likely have lasting impact

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Will the jury believe Kyle Rittenhouse was defending himself when he killed two men and injured another?

The trial of Kyle Rittenhouse began on Nov. 1, with testimonies coming from numerous parties regarding the now 18-year-old’s actions on the night of Aug. 25, 2020.

Rittenhouse is facing multiple charges for shooting three men, and killing two of them, with an AR-15-style rifle amid police brutality protests over the shooting of Kenosha civilian Jacob Blake just two nights prior.

According to National Public Radio (NPR), Rittenhouse classified himself as an EMT while claiming to have the gun on him as a way to protect himself. He was among many who seemingly formed a mock militia amidst violent riots following the shooting and paralyzation of Blake after an altercation with police officer Rusten Sheskey.

According to testimony now in its second week, the then 17-year-old then got into a heated altercation with a man named Joseph Rosenbaum near a gas station before running from him and shooting him dead minutes later.

After killing Rosenbaum, a plethora of concerned and timid civilians pursued Rittenhouse. One of those civilians was Anthony Huber, who had a skateboard in his hand and was shot and killed by Rittenhouse mid-pursuit.

Following the killing of those two unarmed men, Rittenhouse was seen on camera walking toward and past numerous police cars and ambulances with his hands up and rifle still attached to his hip. Rittenhouse, unlike Rosenbaum and Huber, was able to go home that night.



Since initially being brought to jail following his actions in Kenosha, Rittenhouse had his \$2 million bail paid for by Atlanta lawyer Lin Wood and attorney John Pierce under a Texas nonprofit organization that they formed called #Fight-Back. Once out, Rittenhouse was spotted at Pudgy’s Pub in Racine wearing a T-shirt printed with the words “Free as Fuck” while making a white power symbol with his hand.

On top of the homicide-related charges, Rittenhouse is facing possible repercussions for an emergency curfew violation and possessing a firearm under the age of 18.

Among many testimonies given in the first week of the trial was one given by Gaige Grosskreutz, who was shot in the arm while pursuing Rittenhouse after he witnessed the teen’s violent actions.

Grosskreutz attempted to subdue Rittenhouse with a handgun before being shot in the arm, and then he put his hands up in the air, claiming he heard Rittenhouse re-

rack his automated weapon anyway and he took that as a sign that Rittenhouse was going to continue firing.

Rittenhouse and his defense team are testifying against the shootings, hoping that the jury believes that the former Grayslake Police Department youth cadet acted in self defense.

While Rosenbaum and Huber were unarmed against Rittenhouse’s semi-automatic gun, the Antioch, Illinois native’s defense team is attempting to make the jury believe that Rittenhouse would have been in serious danger if he did not fire his weapon.

As a Kenosha resident who saw the aftermath of violent riots that proceeded for days on end, this case holds extra weight.

If Rittenhouse is able to cross state lines after curfew with a gun that he was too young to possess and kill two unarmed people in a situation that he inserted himself into without warranting a maximum jail sentence, this will send a message to many others that it’s

their duty to act like a police officer for a night and walk the town in search of confrontation.

If Rittenhouse ends up with a reduced sentence, downtown Kenosha will likely become an inferno once more with the possibility of those who support Rittenhouse marching downtown with rifles of their own.

Watching this messy situation unfolding in my hometown magnifies its overall impact in my eyes, but you do not have to be a Kenosha resident for this case to pertain to you.

The verdict in the Rittenhouse trial could determine the behaviors of rioters and those who feel that they can take matters into their own hands.

Never did I imagine something like this could happen in my backyard, but seeing stores boarded up, buildings demolished and messages written on the walls and boarded windows of downtown businesses shows the raw frustration of many who are tired of living in a world of hate and racism.

While Sheskey was cleared of criminal wrongdoing and was never pursued in court, Rittenhouse’s situation is vastly different; neither of his first two victims were armed in any way.

While some may make the argument that Rittenhouse is a “good kid” since he was training to be a police officer, I would argue that his actions and career choice present huge red flags.

The teen who wanted to become a police officer broke the law on numerous accounts and fired shots at unarmed people in a situation that he put himself in. Say that out loud, and try not to be horrified.

With the country scrutinizing this case, I encourage all to keep an eye on this case and be prepared for an inevitable outcry from those who don’t see the result that they want.



This week in UWO history

Nov. 11, 1907 — Oshkosh alumna Carrie Owen, class of 1906, escapes death in a fire that partly destroys the house she was rooming in. A thief had entered the house, and after obtaining some money, threw a lighted match among some papers located at the base of a waste paper chute. She reportedly walked calmly from the house with an armful of clothing and her purse. “The excitement did not prevent her teaching that day,” The Normal Advance reported.

Nov. 12, 2003 — Albert De-Meo, the son of the late Roy De-Meo, a Gambino Family capo (or hit man), speaks to a crowd of about 200 at the Reeve Memorial Union. The author, stock trader and part-time lecturer tears down the glamorizations of mob life, reiterated in his book, “For the Sins of My Father.” Roy was considered one of the most feared criminals in mafia history. According to federal authorities, he killed nearly 200 victims before his own body was found in his car’s trunk in January 1983. Afterwards, Albert contemplated revenge, but he never opted to join the mafia.

Nov. 13, 1919 — Classes are closed twice for long periods due to the severe influenza epidemic.

Nov. 14, 1984 — Stewart Udall, former Secretary of the Interior, is the guest speaker at Oshkosh’s 7th Annual Convocation Day ceremony held at Albee Hall. Afternoon classes are suspended to hear him speak. Focusing on the country’s depleted energy sources, Udall warns that its citizens are living beyond their means and that the United States is relying more on technology than conservation to solve its energy problems. Udall warns petroleum resources could be depleted within 20 years without conservation.

Nov. 15, 1962 — The Forrest R. Polk Library is dedicated. Named for one of the school’s longest tenured presidents, the library was dedicated with a coronation march, which included guest speakers from all over the UW System. The overall cost of the library, capable of holding 430,000 books, was \$1.5 million.



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