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Jordan Lemcke did not allow a single point in his four wins en route to winning the national title at in the 285-pound division. Lemcke went 28-3 with nine pins on the season.

Lemcke secures national title

By Trent Allaback allabt50@uwosh.edu

Over the weekend, Jordan Lemcke wrestled in dominant fashion and earned a place as the third alltime Division III national champion for UW Oshkosh wrestling. Lemcke, seeded fifth in the 285 pound bracket, wrestled 4 perfect matches, undefeated and unscored upon through the two-day tournament featuring the nation's best D-III wrestlers in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

"It's been unbelievable. I've been on cloud nine ever since," said Lemcke. "The only thing I had on my mind going into the tournament was winning, and I've been working hard with my coaches and my teammates all year to get there."

Lemcke attributes his success in the national tournament to the efforts of the UW Oshkosh coaching staff as well as the hard work that he put in with his teammates.

"If I didn't have my coaches there to help me plan for my matches and give me strategies, the result would not have been the same. All credit goes to them."

Additionally, the partnership between Lemcke and Beau Yineman in the wrestling room was a substantial contribution to both wrestlers' success.

"Beau and I were in the room every day working hard to achieve our goals, and I really couldn't have done it without him to be there to push me every day," said Lemcke.

"We both had the same goal and we both pushed each other to work harder. Having both of us wanting to win nationals created a great, healthy, competitive atmosphere that made us both better," said Yineman.

In the first round, Lemcke defeated Palmer Rodenhaber of Alvernia University 5-0 and beat Thomas Maretta of the College of New Jersey 2-0 which earned him a spot in the semifinals. In the semis, Lemcke took down Robby Bates, who had defeated the No. 1 seed in the bracket on his way to the semis. In the finals, Lemcke faced Donovan King, the No. 7 seed, of Olivet College, who had pinned his way to the semifinals and won on a close decision 3-1 against number six seeded Tyler Kim of Augsburg University. In a tight and highly competitive defensive match, Lemcke came out on top with a 2-0 decision, securing the national championship and giving him a combined match score of 11-0 in the tournament. "I feel extremely grateful for everybody who's helped me to get here, most of all my coaches and team." In his final year as a Titan, Lemcke finished second at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) tournament and had an overall match record of 28-3.

Also representing the Titans at the national tournament were 197 -pounder Yineman, who earned a third place finish and All-America honors and 165-pounder Preston Morgan, who compiled a 2-2 record in his first national tournament appearance.

Yineman finished a highly accomplished junior campaign by winning the third place match 10-4 against Camden Farrow of York College in the 197 pound bracket. "I feel pretty good about it. But I also really want to win a national title. I'm happy, but I see what I want next," said Yineman.

He started the tournament with two dominant wins to make the semifinals against number one seed Cody Baldridge of North Central College. After a narrow loss 7-4, Yineman had to come back to wrestle the third place semifinal less than an hour after his match with



Jordan Lemcke

Baldridge. Despite the quick turnaround, Yineman was able to defeat Bentley Schwanebeck-Ostermann of Augsburg University 7-5, which he accredits to superior preparation and training.

"He had a lot of rest and I had almost no rest, but I felt I was still able to out-condition him and get the job done," said Yineman.

Yineman finished the season with a win 10-4 against Camden Farrow of York College in a strong showing to end up at third place in the bracket.

"It felt good to finish strong," said Yineman. "I wasn't really comfortable in the previous match, so it was nice to be able to wrestle as well as I know I can."

Yineman finished his junior season with his second consecutive WIAC title, his first All-America finish for the Titans and an overall record of 36-4 with 16 pins.

Also representing UW Oshkosh was Morgan at 165 pounds. Morgan finished the tournament with a 2-2 record. After losing in the first round, Morgan won back-to-back matches against Isaac Matthews of Oswego State and Dalton Leightner of Baldwin Wallace University before being eliminated by seventh seeded Chase Schmidt of UW-Eau Claire, finishing the season with a 22-10 overall record.

The Titans finished in 10th place out of 60 scoring teams in the tournament with a score of 33.5 points. At the WIAC tournament, the team took fourth place and compiled an overall dual record of 12-2.

"I think overall as a team we're happy with how the season went, but we're ready to get back to work for next year," said Yineman.

dismissal from UW Xiong appeals

By Katie Pulvermacher pulvek45@uwosh.edu

The former UW Oshkosh director of Affirmative Action who says he was discriminated against on the basis of his race and national origin, as well as retaliated against when he complained about race discrimination, is appealing a decision by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin in favor of the UW System Board of Regents.

In the opinion and order, filed in February 2022, the court ruled that Brian V. Xiong, a Hmong Asian-American who was terminated by UW Oshkosh in 2019, "failed to proffer sufficient evidence from which a reasonable jury could find discrimination or retaliation.'

"There may be a time when we are powerless to prevent injustice on campus, but there must never be a time when we fail to speak out the truth," Xiong said in a statement to the Advance-Titan. While UWO says he was terminated because he was not performing well, did not take direction well and was insubordinate, he warned our currently BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and people of color), to be aware that the administration's lies spread faster than the truth.'

According to the opinion and order, the following are undisputed

After the resignation of Amrerah McBride, the former director, UWO restructured the director of affirmative action position. The main change was that the Office of Equal Opportunity, the Office of Equity & Affirmative Action and the Office of Human Resources Department were merged together.

The new hire would report directly to the Associate Vice Chancellor of Human Resourc-

es, Shawna Kuether, instead of to Chancellor Andrew Leavitt, and receive a lower salary than previous directors.

Kuether had little experience in Affirmative Action and this was the first time she would supervise a director-level employee, according to the plaintiff's brief. In addition, Kuether obtained her first Affirmative Action certification after Xiong was terminated.

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Ukraine supply drive a success

Trailer filled with goods for refugees and defense units

By Nolan Swenson swensonno56@uwosh.edu

A 15-foot trailer was filled from front to back, top to bottom, with supplies for Ukrainian refugees and defense units at an Oshkosh rally Saturday at Opera House Square.

The rally was hosted by Wisconsin Ukrainians, a conglomerate of Ukrainian-born Wisconsin residents. The group has also hosted supply drives in other areas including Appleton.

Jonathan Pylypiv, a native born Ukrainian and current Wisconsin resident, said he has been in the United States since he was 8. One of the key founders of Wisconsin Ukrainians, Pylypiv said his goal with the Saturday rally was both to improve his new community group and his homeland, adding: "[Wisconsin Ukrainians] are working to become a 501(c)(3) charitable organization."

Pylypiv said the group hopes to create a system of long-term support and educate their community about Ukraine and its foundational efforts to make Ukraine victorious. raised more than \$36,000.

Beyond members of Wisconsin Ukrainians, many charitable Wisconsinites came out to support their neighbors from another land.

Scott Behrens, a Neenah resident and retired anesthesiologist, donated to aid the Ukrainian people. He did this not solely for the Ukrainian people, but also for the global community. "We're all at risk," he said. "There's no way of getting away from [Putin's] dictatorship."

The support of the community was evident and these words echoed throughout the drive: "We're going to need a bigger truck."

Ever since the fall of the Soviet Union, Ukraine has strived for democracy. Pylypiv recalled being a child in Ukraine when a public referendum for independence passed; he said about 90% of the people came out to vote. Ukraine has continued fighting beyond the polls overthrowing their corrupt leadership in 2014.

Wisconsin Ukrainians has set up a website for donations to help Ukrainian families and soldiers at donorbox.org/wisconsin-Ukrainians. As of Tuesday, the group had



Nolan Swenson / Advance-Titan

Wisconsin Ukrainians fill a 15-foot trailer with supplies.

Appeals: Court rules Xiong offered lack of evidence

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With 17 years of experience working in diversity and inclusion in higher education, Xiong started at UWO on Oct. 8, 2018 after leaving Minnesota State University - Mankato. At Mankato, he served as co-chair of the Affirmative Action and Diversity Planning committees, was a member of the Chief Diversity Office and taught as an assistant professor from 2009-16.

Rate My Professor shows Xiong received a 4.6/5 rating while teaching at Mankato. Nearly all the students who left reviews commented on his professionalism and passion.



Xiong

"[I] heard that Vang Xiong left the university. What a huge loss for the college," "He will make you think and appreciate life more" and "He really looks for the good in people and will not let you fail" were a few of the many praises toward his character.

But Kuether said she felt Xiong committed her to doing a presentation without her knowledge and made comments about her limited qualifications," according to the opinion and order. Xiong disputed this, but the court ruled he did not provide support for his view.

According to his brief, he experienced "severe resistance to his work, whereby his job performance was unfairly scrutinized, and he was micromanaged by Human Resources."

He reported violations of policy and sought to ensure the university's affirmative action plan and policies were followed. Leavitt designated him to process all complaints related to discrimination.

Xiong completed his first and last investigatory report in December 2018. According to the plaintiff's

His report, which mirrored the structure of those submitted by his predecessors, McBride and Shaniqua Crawford, was received by Kuether who felt it was insufficient because it "contained grammatical errors" and lacked the "type of analysis" UWO looked for in investigatory reports. She said it failed to conclude whether anyone violated a policy.

The report did note that his 'grammatical errors" were due to English being his second language.

Rather than support and help Xiong improve issues they found in his work, Kuether, Leavitt and Leavitt's Chief of Staff Kate Mc-Quillan all kept their concerns to themselves and did not follow up with Xiong. Kuether further characterized him as not a "good fit" and someone who did not "understand his role."

On Jan. 9, 2019, McQuillan sent Xiong's report to Jennifer Lattis, an attorney in the Office of General Counsel at UW System, for review.

Multiple times in January 2019. "did not respect her as a supervisor, Xiong met with Carmen Faymonville, associate vice chancellor for Faculty and Academic Staff Affairs. She told Xiong to join her weekly case discussion meeting with Kuether and McQuillan about "developments for existing cases" and things happening on campus.

> Kuether said going to the meetings would be a "waste of time" as the meetings were an attempt at "fishing" for information. She said they did not need him there and she was doing him a favor by representing their offices.

With Kuether continuing to insist he crafted policies without her knowledge, Xiong reached out to Vice Chancellor James Fletcher,

port to her because "she lacked finding "any surprises in the perforknowledge of affirmative action and equity.'

According to the plaintiff's brief, in January 2019 Kuether requested a self-evaluation from those she supervised. Xiong's self-evaluation was 175 pages. Kuether considered this "excessive," never scheduled his performance evaluation meeting and never provided him feedback. He first saw Kuether's "draft performance report" when it arrived in his mailbox after termination.

The opinion and order also stated that in January 2019 Xiong was the hiring manager for a new open position at the Department of Equity and Affirmative Action. As hiring manager, he was responsible for creating the position description, identifying a search and screen committee and making the final decision on who to hire. The search committee ultimately chose three women and one Latina woman.

Xiong supported hiring the Latina, believing she had a law degree and the most experience in affirmative action. While Kuether was absent during the interviews, she received feedback from other staff members who felt another candidate had a stronger background.

But the two differ on what happened next. Kuether said that Xiong said they were obligated to hire his preferred candidate because of their diversity plan and that Kuether could not ask whether she was a good candidate. According to Xiong, Kuether said "people of color are not a good fit for Human Resources."

On March 7, 2019, Leavitt and Fletcher were in Madison for a Board of Regents meeting. They met with Lattis and Vice Chancellor for University Affairs Robert Roberts to discuss Xiong.

Their decision to end Xiong's saying he no longer wanted to re- employment was based on Fletcher more favorably.

mance improvement plan and evaluation."

This surprised Kuether as this was "not typically how [UWO] does business in terms of performance concerns," according to the court opinion and order.

Fletcher informed Xiong of his termination on March 12, 2019.

On Aug. 27, 2019, Xiong's position was filled by a white man. After Xiong's termination, the UW System provided legal investigators to campuses to help with investigatory reports, which Xiong never received. The defendant disputes this, asserting UWO offered Xiong similar support.

In his statement to the newspaper, he wrote: "During my time working on campus, I've learned that employees left the university not because of the institution, but because of the administration." He applicants to interview: two white also quoted a former Black employee, who wrote: "[UWO] will forever be the experience that defined what my dad taught me when I was a child. It will be the experience I use to remind my African American children of why they must do exceedingly more than the next to get what they want out of life. This experience did not break me nor detour me, but reminded of why these Black women do this work and advocate for change [...] Because it is necessary."

In granting the UW System's motion for summary judgment and closing the case, the court opinion and order states: "When asserting a discrimination claim [...] a plaintiff must produce enough evidence [...] to permit the trier of fact to find that his employer took an adverse action against him because of his race." It concluded that no reasonable jury could find so because Xiong offered no evidence of dishonesty or that his replacement was treated

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at UWO vs UW-Eau Claire 12 & 3 p.m. **Gymnastics** at Ithaca, N.Y. NCGA Championship

Sunday, March 27 **Baseball**

at UWO vs UW-Eau Claire 12 & 3 p.m.





Above is the UWO women's basketball team for the 2021-22 season. The Titan's record was 22-7, and they went undefeated in home games.

Elite end of year for b-ball

By Nolan Swenson swensonno56@uwosh.edu

The UW Oshkosh women's basketball team faced off against Baldwin Wallace University Friday in a 74-63 win, followed by a 68-82 loss against UW-Whitewa-

The first game against the Yellow Jackets was a win for the team, as it was UWO's first Elite Eight appearance in more than 20 years.

Head coach Brad Fischer said that he was super proud of his players.

"We've had a lot of talk about the pressure that being the best on the team means, with all of that pressure, these guys have done it all year," he said.

The Elite Eight appearance on Saturday pitted UWO against UWW once again for the fourth and final time of the 2021-22 season. For the first three quarters of the game, the Titans held a lead over UWW with rare instances of Warhawks catching up and leading by one. But with around eight minutes left in the final quarter, UWO's lead began to fall as UWW's intensity picked up. At the beginning of the third quarter, the score was 50-47 in favor of UWO. By the final buzzer, UWO was outscored 21-12 by UWW,, resulting in the 62-68 loss.

In the post-game interview, forward Nikki Arneson talked about

what being able to put the jersey on throughout the past five years has meant to her.

"This has been the best five years of my life," she said. "There was a reason I came back for the fifth year. [Fischer] has meant the world to me; he's one of the best coaches in the nation."

"We want to do everything we can to help our team," Porath said. "Obviously when you get hurt it's hard. You see people fill in to replace you. We understand that it's how it works, but being on the court is a lot better than being off of it."

Injuries have been hard on the team this year, but players have continually fought through them,

"Leah probably shouldn't have kept playing, Nikki's knee is a mess, Julia [Silloway] tore a labrum, Abby [Kaiser] needs wrist surgery," Fischer said. "But they kept fighting to get to the end of the season.'

Fischer said on court troubles with Arneson (knee) and Silloway (torn labrum) could be attributed to their injuries. "I'm so proud of these guys because they individually could've set it down and lost, but right now we're in the elite eight. I just want our people back home to know that for UWO these guys gave everything they had."

Crack falls short at nationals

By Cory Sparks sparkc21@uwosh.edu

The UW Oshkosh track and field team finished 10th (men) and 25th (women) at the NCAA Division III Indoor National Championship on

The Titan men scored 25 points; UW-Eau Claire won the national championship as a team. The Titan women scored 9 points; Loras College (Iowa) won the national championship.

Jonathan Wilburn finished first with a triple jump score of 50 feet, 10 inches to win the national championship and he set a UWO record in doing so.

Other UWO All-America finish ers for the men were Steven Potter (second in the 800-meter run), Jaylen Grant (third in the 60-meter dash) and Rashaad Henderson, Bo Koehn, Amitai Wheat and Ryan Potter (eighth in the 1600-meter relay).

UWO All-America women finishers were Alexandria Demco (third in the mile run) and Riley Kindt (sixth in the 60-meter hur-

Grant made it a priority to make the 60-meter dash final. Leading up to the final race, he said he was experiencing some nerves. Before Grant ran his race, coach Justin Kinseth, who was recognized as the North Region Men's Indoor Track and Field Coach of the Year, calmed him down.

"The morning of the 60-meter finals I was pretty nervous, I won't lie," Grant said. "But I had a conversation with my coach and calmed down before we left the hotel."

Aaron McCarroll-Richardson, who qualified for the 60-meter dash and 200-meter dash, said his expectations weren't sky-high going into the event. He said he was definitely going to try to make some noise.

"I wanted to perform," McCarroll-Richardson said. "My expectation was that I wasn't supposed to score, but why not try to?"

Grant, a four-time All-American, said he felt grateful for the opportunity, but he wasn't fully pleased with his results. Grant's 6.82 time put him just a tenth of a second behind Ithaca's Jalen Leonard-Osbourne, who won the event

"Overall, I am happy with my performance and blessed to be a four-time All American," he said. "By no means am I satisfied with that performance, and I know I can do better, but at least my times were consistent."

McCarroll-Richardson ran a 6.86, finished 12th in the 60-meter dash and was marked with a false start in the 200-meter dash.

McCarroll-Richardson said that the team fell way short of expectations. He said there was a sense of frustration and hunger following what felt like a loss for the unit.

"We fell short, big time," Mc-Carroll-Richardson said. "It took a toll on us for a short time, but I was proud to see the anger and drive in us to do better."

While the trip didn't end in the result the UWO track and field team hoped for, Grant said he appreciated being able to travel and compete with his team. Grant brought up the heartache he and others felt when the indoor national championship was canceled two years ago due to COVID-19.

"Two years ago we were at [JDL Fast Track] and had practices, and the next day the national meet was canceled," Grant said. "I remembered how that opportunity was simply taken from me and my teammates. It was a blessing to be on a coach bus full of my teammates traveling together."

McCarroll-Richardson said the team will be able to treat this trip as a learning experience that can benefit all competitors going forward.

"It served as a reminder for us heading into our next season," he said. "The small laughs, the drive and the environment for practicing all contributed to how we will perform differently the next time.'

Grant said while he didn't get first place in the 60-meter dash, he felt validated as one of the fastest sprinters in the country. He also said he felt that the underclassmen who qualified can use this experience to prepare them for the months ahead.

"I personally learned that I'm one of the best in this division and that I belong at the top with the best of the best," he said. "I think as a team the experience our younger athletes gained will help them develop into this upcoming outdoor season."

McCarroll-Richardson said that the team is prepared to use this experience as one to motivate them going forward. With national championship number 48 for the school nearly in the grasp of the track and field team, he said they're ready to push harder than ever to get it.

"I know this team is not satisfied. We realized that anything can happen, and we want another trophy," McCarroll-Richardson said. "We are Titans. We want to create change."



Courtesy of UWO athletics Wilburn came in first with a school record of 50-11.

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Oshkosh baseball starts off season 4-4

By Jacob Link linkj13@uwosh.edu

The UW Oshkosh baseball team rebounded to a 4-4 record to start off the season after losses to nationally-ranked teams Birmingham-Southern College and Adrian College.

"We started off the season playing some very tough teams," UWO pitcher Connor Brinkman said. "Now we are starting to put everything together, and we are stringing together some wins."

The Titans allowed 11 runs in the first two innings in their season opener against Birmingham-Southern, ranked seventh in Division III by d3baseball.com, falling 14-7 in Birmingham on Feb. 25. First baseman Zach Taylor led the Titans, going 2-for-3 with a double, single and a walk. Taylor's three RBIs in the first inning helped Oshkosh put up four runs, but UWO would not score again until the eighth.

Taylor continued his hot streak with a two-run homer, but the Titans fell to fifth-ranked Adrian 10-4 in Birmingham on Feb. 26. UWO scored two runs in the first to take an early 2-1 lead but allowed seven runs in the next two innings as the Bulldogs went on to win.

Taylor said on the home run he was looking for a fastball down the middle

"After he threw a first pitch curveball in the dirt, I knew he was coming with a fastball," he said. "I saw him release a fastball over the heart of the plate, so I just let my



Courtesy of UWO athletics

Brinkman fanned 16 batters in UWO's 5-4 win over MSOE in the second game of Sunday's double header.

hips fly and hands snap through the zone."

UWO won their first game of the season against Dominican University (Ill.) 11-7 to finish their threegame trip to Birmingham on Feb. 27. Taylor had another two RBI day as UWO collected 18 hits in the game, the most in a contest since 2019

Taylor said his hot hitting has to do with his approach.

"I try to simplify everything as much as I can when I'm in the box," Taylor said. "I look for anything on the inner half that I can barrel until

I get two strikes. Then I quiet down my swing and look to drive the ball over the second baseman's head."

The Titans could not continue their hot hitting in the next game, as Oshkosh fell to Millikin University 3-0 in Illinois on March 4. The Big Blue's Caleb Buehrle pitched a four-hit shutout that included 12 strikeouts. Millikin hit a solo home run in the second inning and never looked back.

UWO's hitting struggles continued against Coe College, with the Kohawks giving up only three hits in their 5-2 win on March 5 in

Decatur, Illinois. Ethan Schreier's suicide squeeze opened an early 1-0 lead in the second inning, but Coe outscored Oshkosh 5-1 in the next six innings. UWO had four errors in the loss.

The Titans rebounded with a 9-1 win on March 6 against Coe, as UWO scored six runs in the eighth inning to seal their second win of the season. Center fielder Eric Modaff hit a triple in the game and had two RBIs on the day. Brinkman recorded the win for Oshkosh, pitching seven innings and allowing just one earned run.

UWO won both games of the double-header, winning 8-4 and 5-4, respectively. Taylor had three of the nine Titan hits to push UWO past the Raiders in the first game. Harry Orth struck out 13 batters to get the win, as Cameron Mulvihill secured the first save of the year for the Titans.

In the second game, Brinkman struck out 16 batters to send UWO past MSOE 5-4. Right fielder Nicholas Shiu went 3-for-4 and had two RBIs to lead Oshkosh hitters. Matt Scherrman had a double and a triple to go along with two RBIs for the Titans.

Taylor said the Titan pitching has proved UWO can compete with top ranked teams.

"Our pitching staff has had some strong outings, and we're really starting to get our bats going," he said. "I think we really can do some damage this year."

Brinkman won the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Baseball Athlete of the Week award two weeks in a row for games played between Feb. 28 and March 13. Brinkman has a 1.06 ERA this season in 17 innings pitched and has a record of 2-0 as a starter.

Brinkman said he was honored to receive the award.

"I couldn't have done it without my teammates and all the guys in the dugout," Brinkman said. "We all have each other's backs."

UWO will play a double-header against MSOE on Saturday in Glendale at noon.

Herd lose 125-103, playoff hopes diminish

By Jacob Link linkj13@uwosh.edu

The Wisconsin Herd, the NBA G League affiliate of the Milwaukee Bucks, fell to the Maine Celtics 125-103 on Sunday at the Oshkosh Arena

Herd head coach Chaisson Allen said it was just a game that didn't go their way.

"I think it kinda got to us that we weren't getting the stops we needed," Allen said. "[We] kinda got distracted throughout the game. I think we just gotta stay focused throughout 48 minutes."

Javin Delaurier had his third double-double of the season, scoring 14 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. Rayjon Tucker led the Herd with 22 points and Frank Mason III, the 2019-20 G League MVP, scored 15 points off the bench.

Maine's Chris Clemons, a problem for the Herd all game, dropped 41 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Clemons went 14-26 from the floor and connected on eight 3-pointers in the contest.

Allen said Clemons was the reason the Celtics shot over 50% from the floor in the game.

"He's a heck of a player," he said. "You have to put a whole game plan on him just to try to stop him."

"He's done that multiple times



Jacob Link / Advance-Titan Delaurier slams it home in the first quarter of Sunday's 125-103 loss.

this year, 40-point games," Allen said.

The Herd, who have lost three straight, sit 12th in the Eastern Conference and are 6.5 games behind the Grand Rapids Gold for the final playoff spot. Wisconsin only has eight games to play in the regular season.

The Herd jumped out to an early 7-3 lead with under 11 minutes

to play in the first quarter, but the Celtics pulled ahead after a Cousins 3-pointer and never looked back. Wisconsin drew to within six at one point, but the Celtics extended their lead to 34-22 at the end of the first quarter.

Wisconsin's 15-5 scoring run to open the second quarter cut the Maine lead to 38-37 with eight minutes to go in the half. The Celt-

ics went on a 16-7 scoring run of their own behind two 3-pointers from Clemons to build a 54-47 lead with under five minutes in the second quarter. Clemons scored 28 points in the first half as Maine increased their lead to 68-57 at the end of the half.

Allen said the team started off in attack mode and was moving the ball well.

"As we started getting frustrated, the ball stopped moving and you could tell the guys were going out there just trying to make [the deficit] up on their own," he said.

The Herd limited Clemons to just seven points in the third quarter, but that did not stop the Celtics from shooting 54.5% as a team and building an 80-65 lead with under six minutes remaining in the quarter

Wisconsin ended the quarter on a 14-7 scoring run to cut the lead to 87-79. The Herd outscored the Celtics 22-19 in the third quarter.

Mason III started off the quarter with a 3-pointer to pull Wisconsin to within five, but the Celtics scored 13 unanswered points to take a 100-82 lead. Maine outscored the Herd 38-24 in the final quarter and went on to win 125-103.

Delaurier said that the Celtics have been a very good team this

"They have been very consis-

tent and do a good job of sharing the ball," Delaurier said. "When you've got a guy that's shooting the ball as well as Clemons, they can be a tough opponent."

Delaurier said he works so well in the paint because of the time he spent on his farm.

"A lot of times you just gotta do stuff that nobody wants to do, and that's how I relate to doing post work," he said. "You're in the lane, and it's ugly. Nobody wants to do it, but that's kinda my bread and butter. It's what I pride myself on."

The Herd took on the College Park Skyhawks on Wednesday at the Gateway Center in Georgia. Check the Herd's website for more information regarding Wednesday's game.

Wisconsin will be back home on March 23 to take on Raptors 905 at 6 p.m. at the Oshkosh Arena. The Raptors have Alex Antetokounmpo, the younger brother of Giannis Antetokounmpo. Alex Antetokounmpo was recently featured in the NBA All-Star skills competition alongside his older brothers Giannis and Thanasis Antetokounmpo.

"We just gotta keep competing, keep getting better day by day," Allen said. "Eventually the wins will come. It's probably only been two weeks this team has been together."



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Arts & Entertainment

'The Astronomers' prep for tour

By Cory Sparks sparkc21@uwosh.edu

UW Oshkosh's Michael Stensland and Ben Baker are taking their band, "The Astronomers" on their Midwest Kids Tour that'll make four stops in two states over spring break.

When the Advance-Titan last covered the band in late 2019, they had 13,000 monthly listeners on Spotify. With their hit song "Overthinking" now eclipsing 900,000 players as they're rising north of 46,000 monthly listeners overall on Spotify, Fond du Lac natives have been creating music and building further their fan base since early 2019.

Other songs garnering a plethora of listens are "All In" with 610,000, "U Fucked Up" with over 97,000 and "Bad Type" (released in Nov. 2021) with over 83,000.

The two went on a three-show tour in September 2021 when they played in Madison, Fond du Lac and Oshkosh all over the course of the weekend. Their performance in Oshkosh took place during UWO's sesquicentennial celebration.

On the Midwest Kids Tour, Stensland and Baker will hit Chicago (Hideout, 21+) and Milwaukee (Cactus Club, 18+) on March 20 and 21 before going north to La Crosse (Warehouse) and Green Bay (Lyric Room, 21+) on March 24 and 25.

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Courtesy of The Astronomers The Astronomers have over 83,000 monthly listeners on Spotify.

Singer and songwriter Neuhaus will accompany the dynamic duo when they headline in Chicago and Milwaukee, as he'll perform

his alternative music that has garnered him over 38,000 monthly listeners on Spotify.

While "The Astronomers are just three years old, Stensland

said he has taken a liking to the traveling aspect of being an upand-coming band. He said he especially enjoys the exploratory aspect of making memories and trying different foods when traveling from location to location.

"Playing shows is by far my favorite reward of making music," Stensland, the lead singer, said. "One [thing] I look forward to is traveling. I love stopping at gas stations, creating random inside jokes on the way and trying restaurants."

Despite enjoying all of the traveling aspects, Stensland said the interactive experiences with his fans over songs he makes at home is an unmatched feeling.

"Nothing will beat hearing people sing back lyrics that I have written in my spare bedroom," he said.

While the band is touring in Wisconsin and Illinois, their following online is much greater. "The Astronomers" have broadened their reach over social media platforms such as Tiktok and Instagram.

On Tiktok, they have a video with over five million views. While Stensland said he finds the band's social media reach impressive, he finds more enjoyment knowing that people are willing to travel great lengths just to see him and Baker perform.

"Having a good following on social media is important, but it's even more important when you can grow a real fan base and connections through social media," Stensland said. "I truly feel that is what we are doing. We had people travel all the way from Cleveland, Ohio to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and it was all because they liked our music! How cool is that?"

With brass instrumentals supplementing Strensland's voice in "Bad Type" and the ever-so-catchy chorus of "Overthinking," the duo brings a flash northern Wisconsin authenticity that stems from their background in Jazz from when they were in middle school.

Stensland said the goal on this tour, and any tour, is quite simple: get as many fans to the show as possible. He said he loves seeing fans at shows who have supported the band at other performances in the past.

"We haven't toured too much, as our first show ever was last May, but our goal is seeing how many new people we can bring to the shows," he said. "So when I ask how many people have been to an Astronomers show while I'm on stage it's cool seeing new hands each time."

For those who attend one of the duo's performances on tour, Stensland said they promise to not let you leave without having exclusive opportunities.

He said fans who attend live shows may hear unreleased songs and have access to new merchandise that would otherwise take two to three weeks to ship if ordered online.

"[We play] a lot of new songs that are not out yet and also [sell] new merch only sold at the shows."

Life is ruff: Therapy dogs prove otherwise

By Kyra Slakes slakesky39@uwosh.edu

Oxford Languages defines stress as a state of mental or emotional strain or tension resulting from adverse or very demanding circumstances.

Today, there is a lot to be stressed about, from world events to family troubles to school challenges. Everyone needs a little therapy, and that's where therapy animals come in. After all, who wouldn't want to snuggle and hug an adorable dog?

There are more than 50,000 therapy dogs in the United States. About 71% of pet owners know their pets can help to improve both their physical and mental health. In fact, there was a surge in therapy dog adoption during the coronavirus pandemic. There is also a higher rate of therapy dog adoptions among U.S. veterans, especially those who suffer from PTSD.

In the U.S., Pet Partners is the largest therapy pet organization in operation. About 94% of their therapy animals are dogs and the rest are cats and other animals.

Animals must be tested before becoming therapy animals, said Veterinarian Kaye Krueger, who does the testing at Lake Country Veterinary Care. Dogs that jump on people, growl at children or urinate during the test will be immediately dismissed.

"Additionally, hospital simulations that allow animals to react to different stimuli are common during therapy tests," she said. Krueger said therapy dog go through a series of tests.

"During a therapy dog test, potential therapy dogs experience a simulation to see how the dog would react to different stimuli that could happen in a hospital," Krueger said.

People may be in wheelchairs or on crutches, or someone may drop something that makes a loud noise or even scream and act erratically. Tests also have children present to see if a dog can focus on the task at hand instead of getting distracted, she said.

It is also up to the owners to know their dog's body language and be able to intervene if the dog begins to get overwhelmed with certain situations.

"Therapy animals haven't been able to venture to hospitals, schools or nursing homes since the pandemic, which has actually hit the therapy animal statistics hard," Krueger said. "Now, with restrictions lifted, more and more animals are taking field trips to schools and college campuses, hospitals and nursing homes."

Recently, the Oshkosh Police Department added a therapy dog to their force, a 2-year-old golden retriever named Magic. Police forces across the U.S. are increasingly adding therapy dogs to their forces because when they have to talk to people in harsh situations, it makes it easier for them if they have a grounding force like a therapy dog.

Therapy dogs can help to calm people down who could be fraz-



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Melanie Cross brought her recently-certified therapy dog, Tobi, to the Journalism open house.

zled or frantic by the events that just happened to them. According to the Franklin County Sheriff's office, they have been utilizing therapy dogs for children who are enrolled in mood and behavior programs at local hospitals. Data from the hospital showed that 90% of the children had improved mood after interacting with the therapy dogs.

Melanie Cross owns a therapy dog named Tobi, who just finished his certification as a therapy dog and his stop at UWO was his first official stop as a therapy dog. According to Cross, "because Tobi is so small (he was only 2.5 lbs when

we first got him) he had to work a little harder on confidence because everything is giant to him." There is no "one type" of therapy dog. Anything from giant great danes to tiny teacup puppies can be therapy dogs. Cross says that when she first got Tobi, she wasn't planning on training him as a therapy dog but she noticed his affinity for people and how people were drawn to him. She also says, "Things are stressful in the world and if we can make people smile and give them a quick 'puppy break' — it's worth it."

UWO has its own therapy dog named Leo. Leo belongs to the

Counseling Center's director, Sandra Cox. To schedule an appointment, you can either call the Counseling Center, email them or actually go to the Counseling Center and ask them for animal assisted therapy. According to the UWO Counseling Center page on Animal assisted therapy, there are a number of benefits to animal assisted therapy for both physical and mental health including reducing blood pressure, releasing endorphins, improving cardiovascular health, lessoning anxiety. reducing depression, encouraging communication and much more.

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Titan Underground held "The Bachelor" watch party for the last two drama-filled episodes of the season. The watch party lasted for the full hour-long episode.

'The Bachelor': We are here for the drama

By Kylie Balk-Yaatenen balkyb22@uwosh.edu

The hit reality TV show "The Bachelor" has had 20 years worth of drama, romance and interesting characters. The show is currently on its 26th season, and it wrapped up on Monday and Tuesday in its intense two-part episode.

"The Bachelor" first aired in March of 2002 on ABC network when reality TV was making its way around the networks. Prior to "The Bachelor", there was a show called "Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire?", where 50 women competed in a pageant to get married to one multi-millionaire.

"The Bachelor" show creator Mike Fleiss said that he essentially took that idea and added more romance to it. Now the show has

26 seasons and many different spin-off shows like "The Bachelorette," "Bachelor in Paradise" and even international versions of "The Bachelor."

Monday night's episode started off on a bad note, as there were supposed to be three final contestants. Clayton Echard, the bachelor, told one contestant, Susie, that he had genuine feelings for her and the two other girls. Susie told him that she couldn't be with him if he had been intimate with the others. Susie ended up telling him that she was done.

So during the rose ceremony he told them that Susie left and then that he loved all three of them. The two remaining women, Gabby and Rachel, were upset about that.

Then he asked Rachel if she would accept the rose; she said yes, but Gabby was very upset and told him she would not accept the rose. She wanted to be done because she didn't want to be in competition for his love. He convinced her to come back and then she accepted the rose.

Gabby and Rachel separately meet Clayton's family, and they discuss where they see themselves with him. After all of this is done, Clayton tells his family that he still loves Susie and wants to try again with her, because he can't stop thinking about her. That is where the episode ended.

UW Oshkosh had a live watch party on Monday at 7 p.m. in Titan Underground to find out who this season's bachelor was going to give his final rose to.

Titan Underground Events Manager Claire Schlobohm said that she talked over the idea last year she and the other members of Reeve Union Board thought it would be a fun event. She said that she really enjoyed the watch parties she had gone to in the

Natalie Pawlak said that she wasn't always a fan but started watching it more in the last couple of years. She said she enjoys the bachelor because of the dra-

"It is not my own [drama], so it's exciting to watch it unfold," she said.

She said that even though she hasn't watched the whole season, she thinks that Clayton will bring back Susie, the contestant who left last week Monday.

"I think he really loves her and he's going to go for her, and the other two girls will hear about it and want to leave," she said. "It's either going to be Susie or

She said that there are things she likes about the show but it is not always believable. She said she does not believe that people can form real relationships on TV show.

"I like watching these shows, but I don't buy it," she said.

She said that the most shocking part of Monday's episode was that he begged Gabby, one of the contestants, to stay when she tried to leave the show.

"It's upsetting because the previews show that he is going to go back and fight for Susie," she said. "I think that's a scummy move."

The final episode of the season revealed that Susie Evans recieved the final rose.

However, the two other girls, Gabby and Rachel are the considered by fans the "real winners" of the show.

WO Choirs present 'All Music Must Dance'

By Anya Kelley kelleyann55@uwosh.edu

The UW Oshkosh choirs presented "All Music Must Dance," directed by Interim Director of Choral Activities Shannon Gravelle, on Saturday. The phrase "all music must dance" comes from her mentor as a way to say all music must have movement. Whether it's in the melodic line or the way we are emotionally changed, music must move.

UW Oshkosh's chamber choir, treble chorus and tenor/bass chorus were featured with music ranging from Claude Debussy's "Trois Chansons," a French impressionist piece, to Ben Oakland's "Java Jive," a spunky barber shop tune.

The highlight of the night? "Dance a Cachuca" from "The Gondoliers."

Gravelle said one of her teaching objectives for the semester was to have each student sing in



Anya Kelley / Advance-Titan The UWO choirs presented "All Music Must Dance" this past Saturday evening.

an operetta-style chorus. An operette is a form of musical the-

ater that mixes song and spoken dialogue with dance. Think of it as a genre of light opera.

The concert opened with the scene of a wedding like that at the end of the opera. All three choirs laughed and chattered as they made their way onto the stage to watch the wedding procession.

The night proceeded with the treble chorus and the tenor/ bass chorus giving the audience a taste of music that truly makes you dance. With "Yo le Canto Todo el Dia's" Venezuelan inspiration and "Java Jive's" barber shop swing, everyone felt the dance-like energy surge through the music hall.

Chamber Choir brought the emotionally moving part of "all

music must dance" with their beautiful rendition of Debussy's "Trois Chansons," a three-movement piece set to the medieval poetry of Charles, Duke of Orleans. Charles's poetry celebrated love, chivalry and the aristocratic lifestyle.

After closing out the chamber set, Gravelle expressed her gratitude to the audience, thanking them for their attendance before walking off the stage. With that, a jovial piano piece began and the two remaining choirs leapt on stage to set the scene for "Dance a Cachuca."

A piece filled with singing and dancing, laughing and sparkling champagne flutes was the perfect way to wrap up a concert on how all music must dance.

For more information on when events like this are happening, visit //uwosh.edu/music/community/calendar/.

Varying study spots is best for students

By Owen Peterson petero84@uwosh.edu

While a lot of guides for improving study habits state that it is best for students to study in one spot, research suggests that studying in a variety of locations is better for improving performance on memory-based tests. This is due to contextual variation, the concept that learning in a variety of locations makes the information easier to recall at test time.

This advice is based on the theory of context-dependent memory. Context-dependent memory explains that recollection of information is aided by the presence of cues that were present when that information was learned. These cues can be anything from the colors of the walls to the smell of the room to the comfort of the chairs.

Theoretically, the most effective form of context-dependent learning is studying solely in the same spot you will be tested in. This is because the cues present during studying are the same as those during the memory-based testing. This, however, is not a realistic expectation for students who have to take tests in lecture halls.

On the other hand, if a student only studies in one location (their dorm, for example), that information will only be associated with the cues of that location. When it comes to the test, then, it will be more difficult to recall information because of the lack of similar cues present.

If you study in a variety of locations, though, the information being learned will be associated with a wide variety of cues. This makes recollection much easier, as it is more likely that a cue of some sort will be present at the time of testing. The more cues associated with a fact, the more likely it is that it will be remembered.

In an early study on context-dependent memory done by Godden and Baddeley in 1975, participants were taught how to scuba dive either on land or underwater. Those who were tested in the same condition they learned in, the water, performed much better than those who had swapped. More nuanced conditions are just as impactful, though, as seen in a later study by Smith, Glenburg and Bjork in 1978, which placed participants in either a window or windowless room.

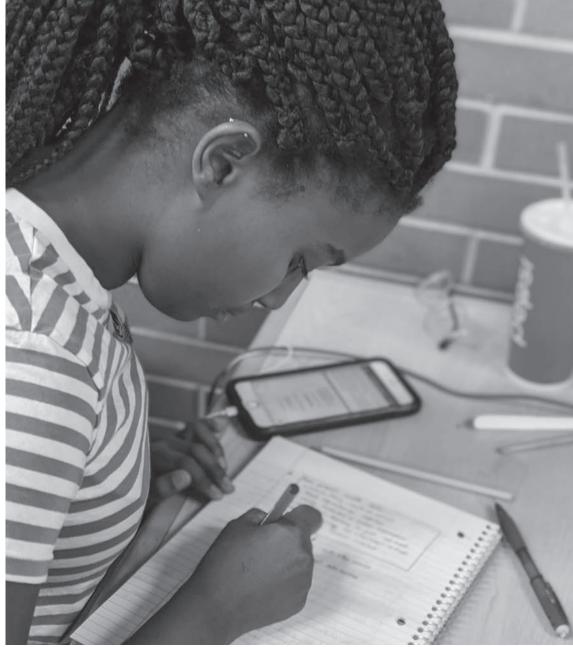
A more recent study, done by Imundo et al. in 2020, placed students in either the testing room, a study lounge or an office space. Unlike the two aforementioned experiments, this one had participants either study in the same place twice or study in two different locations before taking the final memory-based test.

This study found that those who studied the material in two different locations performed better than those who only studied in one location. These findings support the theory of contextual variation.

Despite all of this, the more common piece of advice is that students should do all their studying in the same location to take advantage of context-dependent memory. While this advice is true in the grand scheme of things, it's not applicable to the lives of traditional college students.

Because students can't be expected to do all of their studying in the same place they will test, contextual variation is the best option for studying. This is because the information learned will be ingrained much better and potentially be remembered for long after the test.

Beyond just doing well on exams, college students should seek the benefits of contextual variation because of its relevance to jobs after graduation. Especially in classes relevant to their future profession,



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Switching studying spots can help improve students' performance inside and outside the classroom.

students should work to ingrain the information in as many contexts as possible. This way, information will be easily recalled when at their job, which is likely not a place they would have studied.

Ultimately, the end goal of contextual variation is to have so many

cues associated with a piece of information so that it can be recalled anywhere. While this seems daunting, everyone does this on a daily basis. Just think: do you need any cues to remember your own name?

So despite what conventional advice seems to be, students should

study in a variety of locations, not just the same one. This will help students recall information better in the future, whether it be for an exam or a job.

Spring break ... without breaking the bank

By Kelly Hueckman hueckk24@uwosh.edu

Just because you're trying to save money, that doesn't mean you can't still enjoy your spring break.

While the norm for college students to travel over spring break has been perpetuated for years, some students simply do not have the funds to do so.

With social media constantly reminding you of your classmates soaking up Florida sun rays with blended drinks in hand, it can be hard to escape the feeling of missing out.

Still, there are many low-cost activities you can do to get the most out of your spring break without breaking the bank.

Get crafty

Ditch the usual 10-pagers and math equations to create something beautiful.

Unleash your inner artist with a craft night, either by yourself or with a group of friends, regardless of artistic levels.

This is the perfect time to host a Bob Ross get-together with inexpensive paints and snacks to last throughout the night.



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Downtown Oshkosh offers new experiences, like the Oshkosh Farmers Market, which returns June 4.

If you'd like to support a local business, Oshkosh's Jambalaya Arts Inc. on North Main Street hosts an open art night each Thursday of this month from 3-7:00 p.m. for artists at any level of experience.

Non-members are suggested to make a small \$5 donation fee and to bring their own materials. This is an excellent opportunity to work on projects and converse with other artists.

Find a side hustle

Without classes, homework and extracurricular activities, it can feel like you have a little too much time on your hands over spring break.

Take advantage of this time to earn a little extra cash for the remainder of your semester by picking up a coworker's shift at work or even finding a new side hustle.

Making a few extra bucks can be as simple as signing up to deliver DoorDash orders or doing odd jobs for your neighbor.

With warmer temperatures and longer days creeping up, this is also the perfect time to get ahead on some spring cleaning. Taking in clothing you no longer wear to resale shops can earn you some extra cash.

Support local

You don't have to book a plane ticket to see something new.

Discovering a new place can be as easy as taking a short adventure through a part of your own city that you normally glance over.

Downtown Oshkosh consistently has new businesses that offer new experiences.

Elsewhere Market and Coffee House has recently joined the Oshkosh family, serving coffee and selling unique jewelry, candles and home decor.

Supporting local businesses can be inexpensive, and you might even find your new favorite cup of coffee.

Skip the screens

Just because early Wisconsin spring doesn't have perfect sunbathing weather, that doesn't mean you can't take advantage of

above-freezing temperatures.

With the snow finally melting, choose a day over break with the best weather to unplug and take a walk

A simple stroll around your neighborhood or campus is enough to boost dopamine levels after a long, brooding Midwest winter.

For those who want to try something a little more intense, hiking around state parks can double as a workout and a fun activity.

High Cliff State Park is conveniently located on Lake Winnebago for UW Oshkosh students in the Fox Valley.

... Or don't.

There's no shame in using your newfound free time to binge your favorite movies or television series.

A study from Michigan State University Department of Communications found that binge-watching can have surprising benefits, like promoting relaxation.

Furthermore, it gives insight into topics that interest you and opens new discussions with other views.

So, go ahead and watch the entire "Game of Thrones" series; we won't judge.

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