

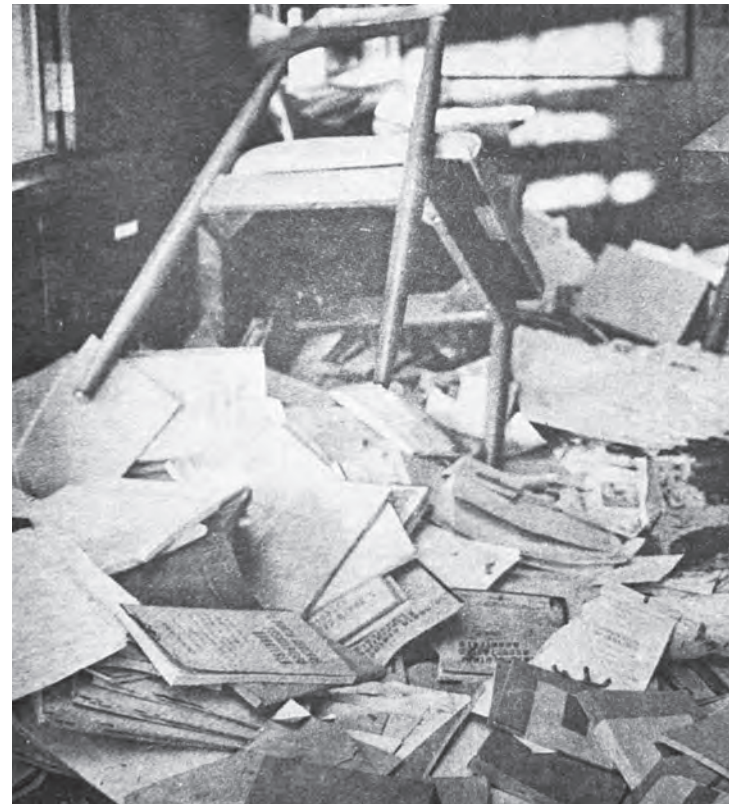
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(Left) Protesters crowd around Dempsey Hall in response to the 90 Black students who were arrested and imprisoned after marching into university president Roger Guiles's executive office with a list of demands to alleviate the problems many Black students were facing on campus. (Right) Guiles's office was destroyed by protesters.

Remembering Black Thursday 55 years later

Taken from an Advance-Titan issue on Dec. 5, 1968

It was 8:35 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 21. Vice president Sherman Gunderson opened the outer door of the presidential suite, and hastily noted that a large number of persons were in the office area of President Roger Guiles to the left of the reception room, but hurried into his own office to the right of the reception room to get ready for another busy day.

As he was removing his coat, two Black students walked into his office, puffing at cigarettes, and asked, "Who are you?" Somewhat startled, Gunderson identified himself, immediately surmised the nature of the situation and invited the two Black students to sit down and talk.

"We're not here to talk - we're here for action," one asserted.

Gunderson persisted in his efforts to engage the pair in conversation but got no results.

"What's the matter, whitey, are you nervous?" one asked.

Such is the account by the vice president of the start of his role in the activities culminating in the destruction in Dempsey Hall.

Gunderson reported the demonstrators appeared well organized. They barred any of the office staff from leaving the rooms. They commandeered the telephones and blocked incoming and outgoing calls.

The damage was done by concerted action of the group, was done in the space of three to five minutes, and was done "very efficiently," he said.

The destruction began about 9:10 a.m., he estimated.

Damages in Dempsey Hall

Damage to Dempsey Hall and equipment totaled at least \$12,000, according to preliminary estimates by Wisconsin State University at Oshkosh officials, following the Black student demonstrations Nov. 21. But the costliest damage ap-

pears to have been done to university files, and there is no way to get an accurate monetary calculation on that.

An itemized list of the damage in Dempsey Hall showed the glass in 13 doors was smashed by the demonstrators. Wrecked or badly damaged were eight metal desks, 11 metal files and 10 chairs. Eleven manual and electric typewriters worth \$3,600 were wrecked. In the business office, four calculators and adding machines valued at \$2,475 were ruined. Clerks reported that demonstrators attempted to toss machines out the windows, but the machines struck the window frames, shattered the glass and bounced back into the room and fell to the floor.

In all, six rooms in Dempsey Hall suffered major damage.

Five demands

This is the statement which members of the Black Student Union asked Guiles to sign:

"Your signature on this paper will signify your assurance that our demands will be met and in evidence at or before the beginning of the next semester. In reiteration, Black Student Union demands are that you:

1. Remove (Marice Spitler, director of financial aids) from his present position and any related capacity.

2. Provide a structure and furnishings for the Cultural Center (which was so eagerly accepted by your administrators).

3. Hire Black instructors.

4. Implement a course in the following areas of Black culture: history, literature, language.

5. Activate a Black Student Fund which will be used to secure Black speakers, purchase Black literature and to aid the financing of the Afro-American Center."

"We place full implementation of our demands in your hands. Black students will not be involved in a lengthy dialogue as to how these demands will be met. We



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Some of the 90 Black students arrested are seen in court. Each student was being charged for unlawful assembly and disorderly conduct.

expect a written report on what concrete form our demands will assume placed on the desk of our counselors by Friday, Nov. 22, no later than 10:30 a.m."

In the courthouse

Five Black students entered the courtroom of Judge James Sitter, and took seats in the front row.

Charges against them were then read: unlawful assembly, punishable by a fine of \$500, one year in jail or both; and disorderly conduct, carrying a penalty of either a \$100 fine or 30 days in jail.

Bond was set at \$250 each, and the five were led back down to the courthouse basement. Another five were brought up and the process was repeated. Court clerks and other officials worked overtime to process the students through fingerprinting, mug shots, and the drawing of formal complaints against them.

After processing, arrangements were made to house the students. Over 80 students were distributed among a local gymnasium, the county jail, and neighboring jails in Fond du Lac, Outagamie,

and Washara Counties where they spent what officials termed "a quiet night."

Friday afternoon, the parents of those students still in jail arrived at the courthouse.

Most of the students were free on bail Saturday night.

City riots

It wasn't really a riot as many outside news sources indicated, but the events of the evening of Nov. 21 were far from usual for the Oshkosh campus.

After a meeting conducted by Black militant commandos from Madison and Milwaukee, the sympathizers for the Black students in jail, opposing forces of the Black students' actions, and curious minglers marched from the Union to the Winnebago County Court House. The main idea was to voice protest. Shouts of "Let our brothers go. Now!" resounded around the court house.

The commandos decided there should be a sit-in in the Titan Room that evening, but when the marchers returned, the Union was locked. Some managed to break through

the guard of Union officials and police at the front door, but about 75 students made it into the Titan Room. While the students were preparing their sit-in inside, many others gathered outside. About 2,000 students formed the crowd outside at the height of the evening.

The students found they would probably not get anywhere pressed around the Union, so began marching on Guiles's home at 9:45 p.m.

At this time more police entered the area and guarded other campus buildings, including the president's home.

There were very few incidents of vandalism although some students were attempting to break a spotlight off a police car. Inside the Union, rumors passed through the police ranks that air had been removed from front tires of the squad cars.

By 11 p.m. all but three or four students remained in front of the Union.

The WSU-O "riot" was over. No one was injured and very negligible damage was left behind. The show was over. And so were classes for the next six days.

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Palmeri’s evolution in politics

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Lori Palmeri, Oshkosh’s first female mayor, assumed higher office as the Wisconsin Assembly representative for District 54 and admits the road wasn’t always easy being a single mom. Adversity and resilience have defined her journey into public service.

Palmeri said advocating for her neighborhood motivated her to run for the Oshkosh Common Council, and after co-founding the Middle Village Neighborhood Association, she became a voice for her community.

“As a neighborhood advocate and non-traditional student of urban planning, I felt a duty to help where I could,” Palmeri said. “Also, my husband had held the position years before and I was acquainted with how one could affect change at the local level.”

Palmeri said her time on the Oshkosh Common Council often reflected her background in urban planning, and that she used a people-centric angle to consider policy.

“Being the first person with a masters in urban planning was how I navigated the business-as-usual council approach. I looked at many issues with a policy analysis and people-first approach,” she said.

When she spoke about becoming the first directly elected female mayor of Oshkosh, Palmeri said her victory came with skeptics and unique challenges as a woman.

“Adversity and resilience are things that I am proud to have overcome and many women in male-dominated positions experience this every day,” she said. “Certainly, there were some who excluded me from the boys club, but many also welcomed me.”



Courtesy of Lori Palmeri
Rep. Lori Palmeri looks over a document with Rep. Supreme Moore Omokunde. An Oshkosh resident since 2008, she was elected to the 54th Assembly District in 2022.

Palmeri’s fortitude shines throughout her career by defying the stereotype that women can’t lead in politics and denying the false allegations made against her character by her Republican challenger’s campaign in the Assembly race.

“I did have multiple driving tickets on my record from a period of time I was not in a good place and I suffered the consequences,” Palmeri said. “I addressed it with correcting the facts and acknowledging that none of us are reduced to mistakes made in younger years.”

While Palmeri won District 54 with a platform of resilience, she admits organizing the campaign was challenging due to managing a chaotic schedule and recruiting volunteers.

“The district was much sought after and competitive,” Palmeri said. “Knocking on thousands

of doors, attending hundreds of events and making hundreds of fundraising calls was vastly different for a state-wide race than running and winning four local (council) campaigns with under \$1,000 each.”

Palmeri said she fights for UWO and the entire university system in Madison, arguing the budget crisis is systemic; Universities of Wisconsin institutions remain underfunded over political issues like diversity, equity and inclusion while Wisconsinite enrollment is at a record low.

“We must continue to demand our representatives value higher education through budgetary action, and constant communication that the liberal arts are needed and, in some cases, not only transform, but save lives,” she said. “I have been a consistent messenger on this for the UW in Madison, in the district and with the media.”

Childcare Center grows after YMCA takeover

By Anya Kelley
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On May 5, UW Oshkosh’s Chancellor Andrew Leavitt announced that the Children’s Learning and Care Center would be closing permanently. The decision left many families grappling with the fact that they’d be losing their childcare in the middle of a childcare crisis.

Not long after the announcement, the Oshkosh YMCA announced they would be partnering with UWO to keep the center open with uninterrupted service.

At the time that the closure was announced, the center, located across from Scott Hall, was licensed for 150 children while only 50 were enrolled in three rooms. Now, the YMCA has the center licensed for 138 children and as of Nov. 10, 72 children are enrolled, located in nine rooms with more rooms planned for opening.

“Our first goal was to come in and maintain the current families who were a part of the center, which we’ve done,” said Erin Baranek, Oshkosh YMCA’s director of children and family services.

Currently, the center is entering phase two: opening up new rooms and enrolling more community members to take advantage of the center’s facility. So far, the increase in enrollment has all been

community members.

“Our goal is to get to 138,” Baranek said. “So (we’re) continuing to hire new staff and get new families.”

When the YMCA took over, some people were concerned that UWO students would no longer be employed there.

“They (still) are!” Baranek said. “They go through our whole YMCA hiring process with interviewing, references, background checks, completing all the necessary paperwork and training. But yes, absolutely.”

Since taking over, all but two of the previous staff members chose to keep their positions and somewhere between 15 and 20 new staffers were hired.

The need to make sure that ratios and classrooms are maintained, but we’re flexible,” Baranek said. “We understand that some (staff) are still in school so we’re flexible.”

If prospective staff are education majors, their curriculum will take care of a portion of their training. However, the center will hire anyone regardless of their major. Non-education majors are required to fill out extra training workbooks.

Kim Stelzer was promoted to childcare director at the UWO location. All other employees were new hires or people who already held positions.

“We’re here for our community,



Anya Kelley / Advance-Titan
The university’s Children’s Learning and Care Center was set to close earlier this year. However, the Oshkosh YMCA partnered with UWO to keep the center open and, since then, it has grown.

you know,” Baranek said.

As soon as Leavitt’s statement was released, Baranek said she and her staff started receiving calls from concerned community members.

“You could just hear it and feel the emotion,” Baranek said. “So we wanted to be able to continue with those families and with those staff and be able to supply childcare (because) there is such a crisis. I mean, at the end of the day, this is what we wanted to do, to be able to

Palmeri’s committee appointments include the committee on environment, forestry, parks and outdoor recreation, mental health and substance abuse prevention and licensing reform, but she said she is especially invested in a green future.

“We must support sustainable forestry practices and increase our green urban spaces while reducing our gas-powered auto-centric culture,” Palmeri said. “This includes passing legislation which looks at seven generations down the road with renewable energies incentives.”

Medicaid expansion is also a priority for Palmeri. She advocates for uninsured and underinsured Wisconsinites wanting more services, physicians, dentists and mental health healthcare providers.

“I support expanding Medicaid as well as getting better Medicaid reimbursement rates for providers,” she said.

When *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, an 1849 Wisconsin abortion ban went into effect making physicians who perform the procedure guilty of a felony.

“Women and pregnant people’s right to choose has been extremely limited, especially for folks who don’t have resources to go out of state for abortion care,” Palmeri said. “Legislators have no business dictating healthcare or controlling women’s bodies.”

Palmeri may only be a first-term legislator, but she is able and willing to serve constituents with problem-solving strategies to help the public, even if that’s by connecting someone to another resource.

“It’s a duty and an honor to serve this district and while I’m in my first term as a state legislator,” she said, “I am approachable and responsive to all constituents.”

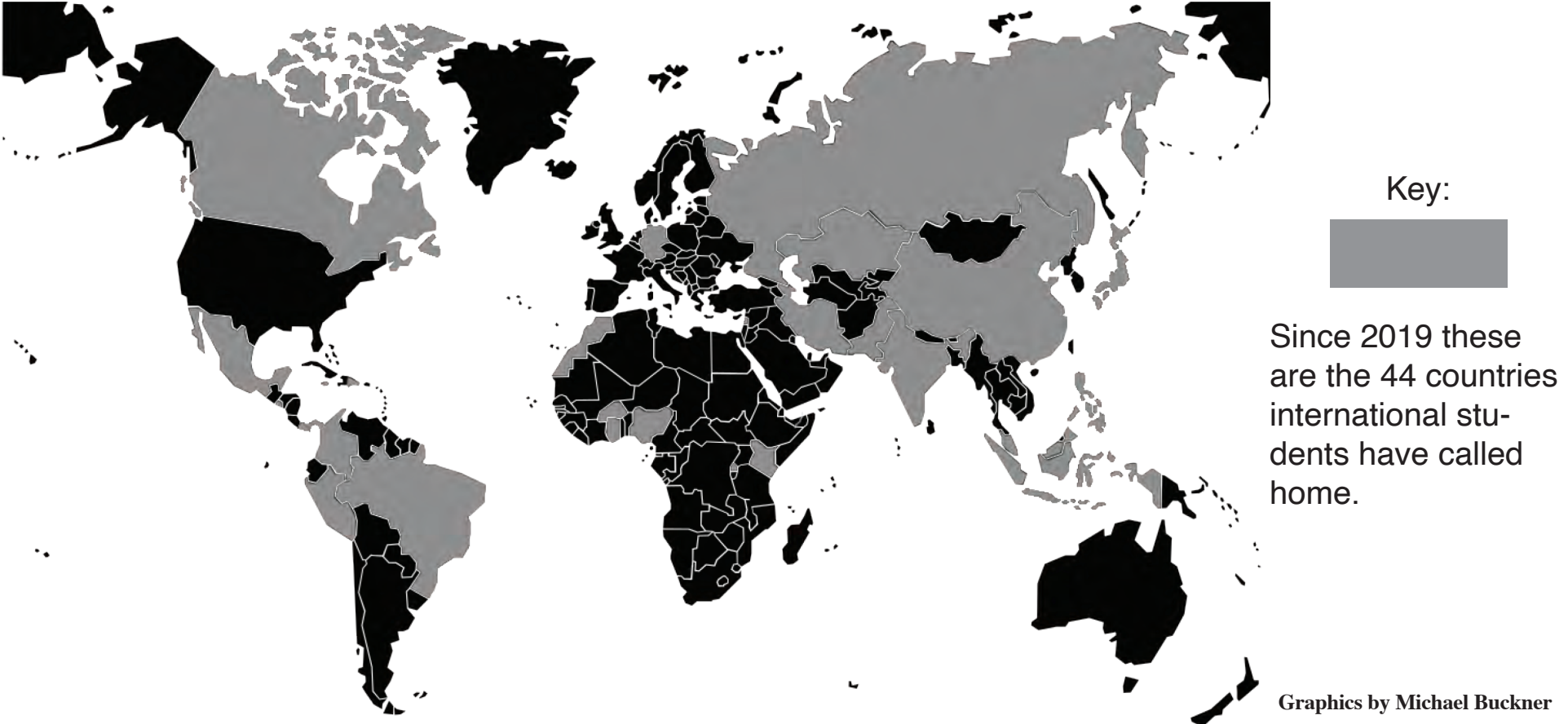
help the community, help the staff here, help the families here.”

Baranek said the university has been great from a partnership standpoint.

“(They) have been very accommodating and good to work with,” Baranek said. “From a Y standpoint, we’ve had nothing but positive interactions with them.”

To enroll your child in the center you must submit forms to the center’s office. For more information, visit uwosh.edu/childrenscenter/.

UWO international student's home countries



International student talks culture shock

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It wasn't easy. Woojin (Jin) Jung, 20, remembers what it was like when he first came to UW Oshkosh in August 2022. As an international student



Jung from South Korea, he left home, his language, customs and most of his belongings. His first year here at UWO was hard as he dealt with culture shock. He knew that he had to get involved in clubs, or he wouldn't meet new people or friends.

"The various school events, clubs and student organizations that I got involved with, as well as Titan Nights, provided great ways to build bonds with people," Jung said.

Jung isn't the only one dealing with culture shock on the UWO campus. In fact, this semester Oshkosh is home to 191 international students, up 18.6% or 30 international students from the fall 2022 semester and 28.2% or 42 international students from the fall 2021 semester. Since the fall 2019 semester, international students at UWO have represented 44 countries, with the most common countries being China, South Korea and Japan, according to Jared Evans, assistant director of UWO's International Student Services.

Before Titan Takeoff, a new student and family orientation program held before each semester's start, UW Oshkosh holds a similar event for new international students. There, international students meet mentors and other international students.

Jung said, "Clubs and communities like International Students Association (ISA) allowed me to have opportunities to meet new people."

Nuechi Lee, a friend of Jung's, said he appreciates Jin's willingness and ability to try out clubs and news activities.

Lee said, "He is the president of ISA and is a tutor at the tutoring center. He does a lot of things on campus to help students."

Emily Brooke, New Student and Family Program Manager, said that it is a "huge feat" for an underclassman like Jin to be president of ISA.

Brooke said, "I truly feel like he could accomplish any goal he sets his mind to, no challenge is too big."

Jung said one of the biggest reasons he joined ISA was to guide and assist other international students since he thought he had enough experiences to help them adapt to life in America.

"International students suffer from culture shock," Jung said. "But I thought by telling them about my experiences and guiding them on how I got used to Oshkosh," that they would adapt easier. I also really enjoy getting to know new people."

Duwon (Alex) Kang, an international student, said that Jin gave him helpful advice and just encouraging words to be here at Oshkosh.

Kang said, "He gave me advice for professors I should take, tutors me in my math, and he is just a funny person."

Jung is friendly to all who know him, Lee said.

"Jin thinks he is an introverted person, but he always knows how to welcome people and make sure they feel comfortable and include them in events," Lee said.

A second-year student who is majoring in statistics, Jung said he decided to apply to UW Oshkosh primarily for financial and academic reasons. He said UWO provides lower academic barriers such as only needing his high school GPA and Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score.

"Since I am an international student, I have to pay the international student rate, which is different than a regular student," he said.



Courtesy of Melissa Alonso
Woojin (Jin) Jung, front, teaches students how to cook South Korean food on International Student Association's Culture Night in October.

However, Jung found one perk about Oshkosh's location that he didn't expect until he arrived. That is, UW Oshkosh has the Fox River and Lake Winnebago nearby, which allows him to walk to destress, as it also reminds him of home a little.

"Even back home, I would go to the mountains or walk by the ocean to destress from studies," he said.

Oshkosh's weather also played a role in Jung's decision to attend college here.

"I hate hot weather and I enjoy the winter when it is not windy," he said. The weather is not too cold. "It's just the wind."

"Jung has become a great friend who always makes sure to walk with you when it's late at night ... or ask if I need help with anything," Lee said.

From 2019 to 2023, most UWO international students have come from:

1. China



2. South Korea



3. Japan



A Titan's last dance

Kobe Berghammer plays his final game for UWO

Photos and text from Jacob Link / Advance-Titan



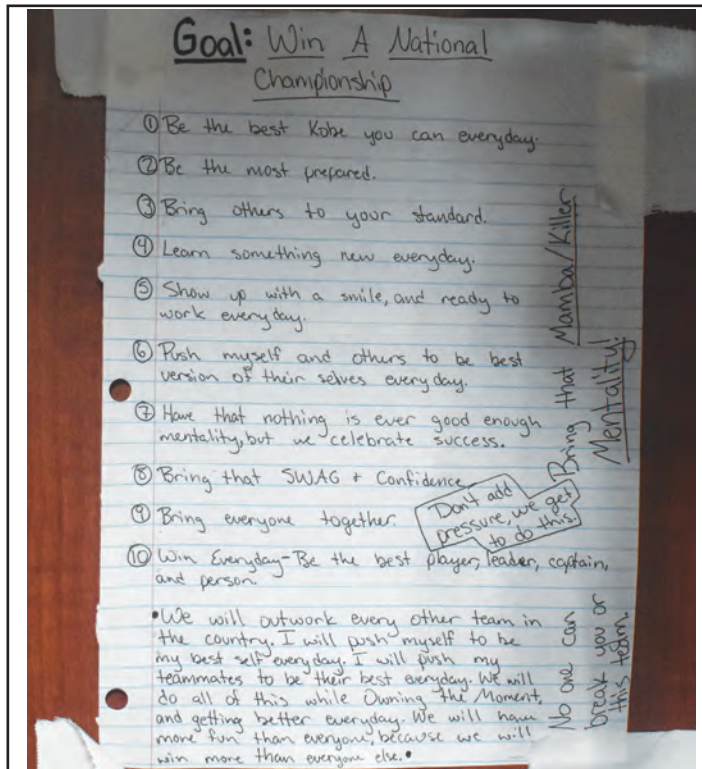
4:30 p.m. Friday

UW Oshkosh quarterback Kobe Berghammer kicks a field goal during the final practice of his career. As a tradition, every senior on the Titan football team kicks a field goal for good luck after their last practice. UWO head coach Peter Jennings says those who make the kick are guaranteed a life of prosperity and happiness. Unfortunately for Berghammer, his kick was wide-left.



10:15 a.m. Saturday

Berghammer laces up the cleats for the last time on gameday. After eating breakfast with the team at the Reeve Memorial Union, Berghammer makes his way to Titan Stadium before meeting his fellow quarterbacks for a quick pre-game meeting.



Berghammer has left the same message in his locker since the beginning of training camp in August. He reviews his goals before he steps onto the field for every practice and game.



11:45 a.m. Saturday

Berghammer (3) walks in the final Titan March of his career. The Titan Thunder Marching Band leads the football team through groups of fans tailgating in the parking lot and into the main gate of Titan Stadium.



1:30 p.m. Saturday

Berghammer hurdles a UW-River Falls defender and dives into the endzone to get the Titans onto the board in the first quarter. The Falcons took an early 7-0 lead after a Kaleb Blaha rushing touchdown, but the Titans were able to tie the game on their next possession following Berghammer's 4-yard run.



2:25 p.m. Saturday

Berghammer gets a pep talk from backup quarterback Quentin Keene after Berghammer fumbled in the second quarter. The Titans found themselves up 14-7 after a 2-yard passing touchdown from Berghammer, but UWRF scored 14 unanswered points to take a 21-7 lead.



3:35 p.m. Saturday

Berghammer throws a 56-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Trae Tetzlaff to give UWO a 31-28 lead to begin the fourth quarter. The Titans led by three points at the half after a field goal and a 65-yard fumble return from Kyle Dietzen. The Falcons took the lead after a Blaha passing touchdown, but it didn't take long for Berghammer to put the Titans back in front.



3:55 p.m. Saturday

Berghammer celebrates with senior wide receiver Tony Steger (11) after the Titans sealed the victory by recovering an onside kick. UWO added a touchdown with under three minutes to play before UWRF nailed a field goal to close the gap to seven points. The Titans hung on to beat the No. 11 Falcons 38-31.



4:05 p.m. Saturday

Berghammer, who finished the game with 254 passing yards, a passing touchdown and a rushing touchdown, takes a knee on the final play of his career.



4:25 p.m. Saturday

Berghammer speaks at a press conference after UWO's upset victory. "I think for all us seniors, you couldn't ask for a better way to go out," Berghammer said to reporters.



4:35 p.m. Saturday

Berghammer, UWO's all-time leader in career passing touchdowns with 97, hugs his dad after the final game of his collegiate career.

Sports

UWO XC competes at regionals

By Jacob Link
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The UW Oshkosh men’s and women’s cross-country teams finished sixth and seventh, respectively, at the NCAA Division III North Regional hosted by UW-Eau Claire Nov. 11 at the Whitetail Golf Course in Colfax.

The Titan men’s team totaled 180 points and finished behind first-place UW-La Crosse, who ended the day with 33 points.

UWO was led by sophomores Cameron Cullen and Paul Proteau, who earned berths into the NCAA Division III Championships with 19th and 20th place finishes at the regional meet. Both runners were the first Titans to break the 25-minute mark this season for an 8,000-meter race, with Cullen finishing with a time of 24:54.6 and Proteau finishing with a time of 24:56.0.

Junior Jake Krause joined Cullen and Proteau in receiving All-Region honors, with Krause finishing 33rd with a personal record of 25:06.0. Other Titan finishers include senior Joe Kehoe, who finished 37th with a time of 25:18.0, and Dwight Hosni, who finished 71st with a time of 25:44.6.

UW-Whitewater’s Christian Patzka claimed first-place in the men’s regional with a time of 24:02.0.

On the women’s side, UWO totaled 253 points and finished well behind regional champions Carleton College (Minnesota), who had 48 points.

The Titans were led by Cyna Madigan, who placed 38th with a time of 22:49.7 in the 6,000-meter race. Finishing behind Madigan was Josie Makurat, who finished 42nd with a time of 23:03.0, and Gracie Buchinger, who finished 55th with a time of 23:24.2.

Cullen and Proteau will head to Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where they will run in the NCAA Division III Championships Nov. 18 at Big Spring High School starting at 10 a.m.



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UWO’s Jaclyn Dutkiewicz sets up her teammates for a spike against Alverno College on Oct. 31 at the Kohl Sports Center.

Titans fall in WIAC championship

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The UW Oshkosh volleyball team fell to UW-Whitewater in the championship game of the 2023 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Women’s Volleyball Tournament Nov. 11.

Because they were the No. 1 seed, the Titans started off the Tournament hosting No. 5 seed UW-Eau Claire in the semifinal round at Kolf sports center on Nov. 5. The Titans swept the Blugolds 3-0, the Titans totaled 41 kills off of 135 total attacks. Riley Kindt led the Titans in kills with nine. A big factor to the win for the Titans is that 34 of the Titan points came off of Blugold errors.

In the championship game, the Titans faced off against the No. 2 seed UW-Whitewater Warhawks. Unfortunately for the Titans, they suffered their first loss of the season as the Warhawks swept the Titans and went on to win the Tournament.

Coach Jon Ellmann said that the team could see where they

could’ve improved right away.

“We debriefed and discussed what went well and identified areas we needed to focus on moving forward,” he said. “Our team has an incredible IQ and was able to specifically identify some areas that we could focus on moving forward.”

The Titans will now shift their focus to the NCAA Tournament as on Monday, the team heard their name be called in the Selection Show. Ellmann said that moment of hearing the Titans name get called was a moment of celebration for all the hard work during the season.

“Those moments where you get to sit together and celebrate the result of that work are so special,” he said. “I can’t speak for everyone but it’s safe to say that there is a ton of emotion the moment you hear your name called.”

The Titans will play against Greenville University (Illinois) on Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. If they win, they will then play against the winner of Calvin University (Michigan)/Gustavus Adolphus

University (Minnesota) at 7 pm on Nov. 17 all games will be held at Kolf Sports Center.

The Titans first opponent, the Greenville University Panthers will be making their 7th appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Despite their 23-10 record, Greenville clinched their spot in the NCAA tournament with a win in the Saint Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament championship game. The Panthers are led by Mia Bonacorsi. Bonacorsi leads the team with 378 kills and averages 3.26 points per game.

Calvin University, who was the team that eliminated the Titans in last season’s NCAA tournament is the No. 12 ranked team in the American Volleyball Coaches Association poll. The Knights also have a 22-7 record and are coming into the tournament as the 3rd best team in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Conference (behind Albion and No. 2 nationally ranked Hope College.). Aerin Baker is the leading scorer on the Knights, as she recorded

383 kills with an average of 4.13 points per game.

Gustavus Adolphus, the No. 18 ranked team in the AVCA poll are the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament champions with a 25-6 record. The Gusties are led by Marlee Turn, who leads the team with 361 kills and averaged 3.75 points per game. If the Titans face the Gusties on Friday, it will not be the first time Gustavus Adolphus faced a WIAC opponent this season. The Gusties beat both UW-La Crosse and UW-Eau Claire 3-2 on Sept. 8 and 9. They also faced off against UW-River Falls in a match they lost 3-1 on Oct. 3rd.

Despite the loss in the WIAC championship game to UWW, Coach Ellmann thinks the team is in the right mindset for the NCAA Tournament.

“The loss surely helped the flame burn a little brighter,” he said. “For the tournament, we won’t be looking back for motivation. We are focused on exactly where we are. Right here, right now.”

Abbi Priestley sets 1-meter dive school record

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The UW Oshkosh swim and dive Titans traveled to Lawrence University to compete in the Gene Davis Invitational last Saturday, with both teams placing third.

The meet was made up of six teams including UW Oshkosh, Lake Forest College, Lawrence University, St. Norbert College, Ripon College and Milwaukee School of Engineering.

Both the men’s and women’s team placed third out of six. The women’s team ended the meet with 497.5 points and the men’s ended with 478.5 points.

On the men’s team Damen Seremet placed first in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:02.09 out touching the second place swimmer, Zak Pearson from St. Norbert, by over a second. He also came in second in the 50 free with a time of 22.55.

Diver Dylan Edelstien also placed second in the 1-meter diving event with a score of 276.60

The men’s 200 freestyle relay placed first with a time

of 1:32.19. The line up was Alex Ward, Ben Knoeck, CJ Willert and Leo Ramirez-Gutierrez.

On the women’s side, Abbi Priestley took first place in both of her diving events. She scored 440.85 points on the 3 meter and 456.68 points on the 1 meter breaking the school record which was also her own previous record.

The women’s team had quite a few individual swim second place finishers. Bella Cichon took second in both the 100 (time of 1:10.33) and 200 breaststroke (time of 2:39.27). Bee Ecklund swam the 200 back in 2:19.70. Amanda Richards also earned her 50 free place with the time 26.44.

All of the women’s teams relays came in third place, despite being mixed around not too long before the meet due to some athletes being gone from the meet.

The swim and dive team’s next meet is at St. Norbert College on Nov. 18. The meet will begin at 1 p.m.



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Abbi Priestley vaults off the board in a meet earlier this season.

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Clash Collective earns national award
New Student and Family Programs earns recognition

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The Clash Collective Thrift Shop, which offered UW Oshkosh students over 1,700 donated items to choose from in spring, earned national recognition last month.

The New Student and Family Programs (NSFP) planned the event that took place in Reeve Memorial Union.

The staff of NSFP that planned the Clash Collective Thrift Shop attended the National Association of Orientation, Transition and Retention Conference in October.

NSFP staff earned the Innovative Program Award for their creation of the Clash Collective Thrift Shop.

Stacy Dreweck, manager of NSFP, at the Oshkosh campuses was one of the team members who helped put together the event.

“We have noticed that there are students coming to campus with basic needs and insecurities,” she said. “UWO already has resources for food, hygiene and professional clothing, but what about everything else? That is where our idea for the Clash Collective Thrift Shop came about.”

Students were encouraged to leave donated items in stations placed around campus, especially in dorms, where students getting ready to move out could give their unwanted stuff a new home.

“The NSFP team collaborated with Residence Life and Sustainability to create donation stations in Residence Halls and at the Student Involvement Desk in Reeve,” Dreweck said. “We collected items from the donation stations on campus then sorted and organized items as they came in.”

The NSFP staff that helped plan the event traveled to the conference in Minneapolis to accept the award, alongside other professionals.

“This conference is for higher (education) professionals throughout the country who work in orientation, transition and retention,” Dreweck said.



Katie Murray of NODA and Dulce Lopez Quintero, Alicia Stuedemann, Stacy Dreweck and Emily Brooke of NSFP earned national recognition.

Dreweck was proud of the award, especially with the competition of many different organizations.

“There were so many other great programs nominated from colleges and universities across the country,” she said. “To have stood out to the selection committee among the other nominees was thrilling.”

Emily Brooke, manager of NSFP, and NSFP director Alicia Stuedemann were also very proud of the national recognition.

“The moment it was announced, Alicia and I embraced in a hug and started tearing up,” she said. “We deeply care about students and their well-being, and our team truly poured our hearts into this event. It was so amazing to have that hard work acknowledged on such a large scale.”

Brooke also worked with Dreweck on the event and was happy to celebrate with her.

“I ran up to Stacy (the heart of this project) who was seated



Items were donated from on campus at different donation stations and sorted into inventory.

at a different table and gave her a huge hug as well. This event could have not been possible without her tireless dedication,” she said.



The event offered students over 1,700 donated items, and they were allowed to pick five free items.

Even though NSFP earned national recognition, Dreweck was more proud of what they did on campus.

“The national recognition is great, but we are grateful we had the opportunity to create an initiative that has made an impact on so many students right here at UW Oshkosh,” she said.

Students were able to find basic necessities without having to spend anything.

“Some students we talked to had mentioned they did not even have sheets on their bed in the dorms, and this event allowed them to get those items for free,” she said.

The event helped give students access to needed items and give them support.

“Students were overjoyed to take home free items, and it was very fulfilling to know that this event made a difference and provided support to students,” Brooke said.

The next Clash Collective Thrift Store event is planned for Feb. 6 and 7, and donation sta-

tions can be found throughout campus to help provide inventory for students.

“As donations come in, we plan to sort, organize and inventory items so students can easily sort through items to find their five free items per day,” Dreweck said.

Dreweck said the event is a great opportunity for students to donate, and there are donation stations set up in Reeve and the residence halls.

“This event provides an opportunity for students to donate unused items that may have otherwise ended up in the trash,” she said.

The event in spring is open to all students.

“The Clash Collective Thrift Shop is open to all students regardless of financial need,” Dreweck said. “But we know that it gives students who could really use the hand-up a chance to get great things without having to self-identify as in need of assistance.”

Opinion

So you think you can drink 5 tell-tale signs you’re underage at a bar

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Last year, UW Oshkosh Police Department handed out 230 underage citations.

I get it — you’re a big bad sophomore, and you’ve totally graduated from stupid freshmen parties in a crumbling basement to a luxury downtown college bar. It sounds like heaven, really. No more mysterious jungle juice, an actual dancefloor and you can finally take that cute picture on the Peabody’s Ale House swings (Heads up: You will fall off. Everyone does.)

However, if you’re not actually of legal drinking age, you might not be as inconspicuous heading into a bar as you think you are. As someone who’s worked in a bar for seven years, here are some of the most tell-tale signs you’re not actually 21 yet.

1.) Your fake ID sucks

I’ve seen a lot of fake IDs in my time, but I could count the number of actually convincing ones on two hands. Trust me when I say the unevenly-lit selfie that feels like it was printed on a Post-It note isn’t fooling anyone.

If you’re purchasing a fake ID with your portrait, name and address, the best case scenario is the bouncer laughs in your face. Worst case scenario, they confiscate it and now you’re out 80 bucks.

If you can find someone who looks similar to you and is willing to let you use their ID, you will probably have better chances of getting served. However, make sure you know the consequences of getting caught using someone else’s ID.

Not only do you get a court date you’ll have to explain to your parents, you also can get a hefty fine of up to \$1,250 , so tread carefully.



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The consequences of being caught with a fake ID include a court date and a whopping fine of up to \$1,250.

2.) You beeline to the bathroom

As someone who has used this trick before, I am immediately suspicious of young-looking people who make a mad dash for the bathroom before coming to the bar, especially in a group.

Trying to avoid the bartender simply makes you look nervous and like you’re trying to hide something.

Having an older friend order your drinks is just a second red flag, and the bartender will most likely ask who the drink is for. Odds are, they will ID everyone in the group if even one person looks a questionable age.

3.) You don’t know how to order a drink

There’s a certain smoothness to ordering a drink at a bar, and if you don’t know how, you will be asked for your ID.

Common mistakes while ordering include taking far too long, asking what’s good, saying the wash before the liquor or even just stumbling over the words.

Most people have their go-to drinks when they go to the bar, and not having a clue what you’re ordering is a sure sign that you either turned 21 that night, or that you’re getting kicked out soon.

4.) You won’t make eye contact

Bartenders tend to be very outgoing and inviting while they’re working, and we are typically met with a similar greeting from customers. Afterall, we are the ones serving your drink.

Avoiding eye contact, being particularly quiet and other signs of nervousness show that you’re not supposed to be here and you know it.

If you’re really looking to fool a bartender or bouncer, walk in with a casual confidence like you’ve been there before. We can smell your fear.

5.) You move in herds

Underage drinkers tend to stick together out of fear of being caught. Seasoned bar-goers aren’t afraid to slightly stray from their group and mingle with others, and they often show up at different times.

In theory, traveling in massive groups can work to conceal the age of one or two underagers by creating a lot of chaos to distract the bouncer or bartender.

In reality, we know your tricks and you’re really bringing more attention to yourself. If you’re not ready to shrink your herd, maybe it’s best to stick to the house parties.

Letter to the editor

We need to protect our WI woodlands from changing climate

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As a proud Wisconsin woodland owner and prior board member of the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association (WWOA), I understand firsthand the importance of managing forests to ensure a strong and sustainable timber harvest, to provide high-quality habitat for wildlife and to help moderate climate change through thoughtful stewardship of the carbon stored in trees.

Wisconsin is experiencing more extreme weather events, from longer droughts to heavier rainfalls,

so how we manage our forests in light of these changes matters.

Every aspect of our lives, from fire danger to water quality to our economy, is dependent in part upon having healthy forests. How we manage private forests impacts public forests and vice versa.

In Wisconsin, how the U.S. Forest Service manages the publicly-owned 1.5 million-acre Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest creates a critical baseline.

Factors such as pests, fire danger and long-term forest health and resilience are all either improved or hindered by the actions of our federal government. Nationally, the

federal government manages one-third of the roughly 800 million acres of forest in the US.

Thankfully, there are actions we can take to protect our national forests. The U.S. Forest Service has indicated they want to modernize their approach, with things like incorporating the best available science, using adaptive planning and addressing the key stressors forests are facing.

Doing so will ensure the vitality and sustainability of public forests, both in Wisconsin and across the country and support the health of privately owned forests as well.



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