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The UWO gymnastics team celebrates with national championship trophies from 2022, 2023 and 2024 at a welcome back ceremony April 2 at the Kolf Sports Center.

Gymnastics wins 3rd consecutive NCGA championship

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The UW Oshkosh gymnastics team became the fourth program in the history of the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association to win three consecutive national championships after the Titans scored an NCGA record 194.975 points at the national meet held March 23 in Collegeville, Pennsylvania.

UWO broke the NCGA record previously set by UW-Whitewater Jan. 19. For the second time in three years at the national meet, the Titans set the NCGA record for points scored after accumulating 194.1 points to claim the 2022 national championship.

UWO head coach Lauren Karnitz said she had a lot of nerves when the judges were releasing their scores at the NCGA national championship, but she made sure her athletes didn't see it.

"When we were on beam, I was so nervous, because that's the event that I coached and it also has the highest margin of error," Karnitz said. "But man, they didn't seem nervous at all, that beam looked like it was 12 inches wide, instead of just four. They were performing very confidently and after [the beam] I kind of had a feeling that we were going to be just fine."

Whitewater, UW-La Crosse and Gustavus Adolphus College (Minnesota) are the only other programs to have won at least three straight NCGA titles. The Warhawks were the last program to accomplish the feat after taking home the title in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Karnitz said her third national championship is just as sweet as the first one.

"The first one was just proving to ourselves that we could get there," Karnitz said. "With COVID-19 and everything, that first one meant a lot because we actually could break through."

Karnitz said coaching UWO to a national championship in 2021 allowed the team to have the belief that the program could get that far, after the 2010's were dominated by Whitewater and La Crosse.

"The third one really solidified our spot," Karnitz said. "The second one was more like 'thank God we did it again' and it showed the first time wasn't a fluke. With the third one, to win it in the fashion that we did, it was pretty special because of the fact we won so many individual events and won it as a team. It will be a very special championship in my mind moving forward."

Not only did the Titans win their third title, they did it in dominating fashion by earning the highest total score in three out of four exercises.

UWO's best score was in the floor exercise where they scored 49.200 points. Oshkosh's Mia Lucero took home first place in the event with a score of 9.900. UWO's Reanna McGibboney and

Jay Ratkowski finished behind her, tying for second and fifth place, respectively.

As a team, the Titans also placed first in the vault with a score of 48.650. Lucero once again claimed the top spot in the event after tying with Maren Eramo for first place with a score of 9.825. McGibboney took third place in the vault with a score of 9.800.

On the balance beam, UWO once again took home first place as a team by totaling 48.75 points. Oshkosh's Emily Buffington tied for second place in the event with a score of 9.825 while both Kaylie Berens and Anna Zoromski tied for fifth place with two 9.800 scores.

The only exercise in which the Titans didn't take home the top spot was the uneven parallel bars, where UWO finished in second place with a score of 48.375. Oshkosh still had an event winner on the bars, with Buffington claiming the top spot with a score of 9.850. Berens finished in tenth place with

a score of 9.700.

Buffington, in her final collegiate event, won yet another individual national championship after tallying a score of 39.175 in the all-around competition.

Buffington said that this year's team was the best at maintaining a team-first mentality.

"Each year [Karnitz] comes up with different phrases and this year it was lighting the flame and passing it to your teammates," Buffington said. "I think we really embodied that as a team and we carried it throughout the season."

Buffington said she was extremely thrilled with how her senior season capped off.

"[We] continued to push ourselves and strive to be the hardest working team in the gym and to see that pay off for myself and the team is amazing," Buffington said. "It was an amazing year, and I couldn't have asked for any better experience in my time here at UWO."

Rust edges out Haase for county circuit court judge

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On Tuesday, the Oshkosh area election polls came to a close at 8 p.m. Ballots were counted and candidates were announced around 11 p.m. that night.

The Oshkosh Common Council had three seats up for grabs. Those seats went to Kris Larson (23.1%), DJ Nichols (22.1%) and Jacob Floam (19.2%).

The Oshkosh School Board also had three seats available. Beth Wyman, Timothy Hess and Chris Wright, all running for reelection, won in a fairly even split of 28.1% (Wyman), 25.3% (Hess) and 24.7% (Wright).

The biggest race was the Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge. Candidate Michael Rust beat LaKeisha Haase with a 53% popular vote.

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UWO hosts \$20,000 business competition

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The UW Oshkosh Culver's Business Model Competition provides entrepreneurial students the opportunity to present their business ideas and gain professional feedback and connections.

2021 winner Devan Hohn said something she found important was the networking aspect of the event.

"That room is full of potential investors," Hohn said. "People that could get you investors, potential people that could help you."

The Culver's Business Model Competition was started in 2013 and allows students to present a four-minute pitch to a panel with the chance to win up to \$20,000 and additional resources to help the student's business become a reality.

This year's competition is being held April 10 at Sage Hall 1215 at 5 p.m. and is free for all who attend.

Program Manager Megan Hart said the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation provides consultations to students entering the event.

"We just want to make sure everyone gets coaching as far as what they should expect and what they need to be focusing on going into the competition," Hart said. "Our biggest thing is just continuing to encourage students to follow these interests and provide the services that would fit them best."

How Cru changed students' lives

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Cru, formerly known as the Campus Crusade for Christ, is an organization that encourages students to grow their faith in God while navigating next steps in life. Students are taught to connect to their faith in ways that go beyond the traditional views of religion.

At UW Oshkosh, there are currently about 70 regular attendees at weekly meetings.

Eric Leinen is the team leader for Cru in Northeast Wisconsin. He leads staff and students across the campuses in Oshkosh, Appleton and Green Bay.

Although Leinen grew up in a religious household, he said that having a relationship with God is much different than the label of being religious.

"I heard stories from the Bible and thought it helped give a sense of morals, or right and wrong. I would say that was my experience with religion," he said.

Leinen said his basic beliefs of God were reinforced through church as a child, but his relationship with God began in college when his older sister invited him to a Cru meeting.

"I learned that the main message of the Bible is that we will never be good enough or do enough good things to make ourselves right before him," he said. "It is only through believing in Jesus and trusting in his death on the cross for our sins that I would be forgiven. That changed everything for me. What once felt like a duty, now felt like a gift that I knew I didn't deserve."



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The winners of the Culver's Business Model Competition in April 2023 pose together. Students this year are competing for \$20,000.

Hart said the event allows students to practice public speaking skills.

She said, "It's an opportunity for students to practice pitching [and] learn how to get up in front of people and get their idea out there."

Hohn said the competition helped her gain confidence in starting her adaptive martial arts studio.

"Hitting the day of the pitch, I was terribly nervous," Hohn said. "I've always been the underdog in a lot of things. This is the reason I named [the studio] Rising Phoenix, because I wanted to be able to rise above."

2015 finalist and director of the center Dan Brosman said he discovered his love for creating businesses through his experience with the program.

"It was really the first opportunity that sparked the entrepreneurial interest," Brosman said. "Since then, I've worked on four or five additional businesses."

Hohn said that part of presenting a business is your motivation behind it.

She said, "At the end of the day, anybody can open a business, but if it's not something you're passionate about or not something you really truly care about, you are not likely to make it a success."

Brosman advises students to take every opportunity to enter their ideas into pitch competitions.

"You never know when an idea might be a hit," he said. "There are plenty of people out there that probably didn't think that either. So, never let an opportunity fall to the wayside."



Courtesy of Cru

Cru is a Christian organization with around 70 members at UW Oshkosh. The organization was founded in 1951, and is now present in over 190 countries.

Leinen said his constant pursuit of a relationship with Christ and his faith in God has played a big part in shaping the way he lives his life.

"My faith in God and a relationship with Christ gives me purpose," he said.

Leinen was involved with Cru all four years of his college career, and now as a team leader he said the work he does can be incredibly challenging but equally as rewarding.

"[Cru] has given me the privilege to walk alongside students as they go through the highs and lows of life," he said. "Seeing students find hope and purpose when they were hopeless and suicidal. Seeing students find love and acceptance when all they knew was rejection and abandonment. Being there to care for or support a student when they lose a loved one."

Jack Gibbons, a sophomore at

UWO and member of Cru, said that attending Cru meetings started as a way to earn brownie points with his girlfriend. It turned out to be one of the most integral parts of his life.

"It plays every single role imaginable," he said. "Everything I've been fortunate enough to experience is all credited towards God and I couldn't be more thankful that I've been able to be a part of an organization that allows me to grow in my faith daily."

Gibbons first attended Cru in September of 2023 and has been a regular attendee ever since. He said that the organization is not here to push gospel down students' throats, but instead listen, explain and love.

"Cru is like a second family to me, and I cannot imagine my life without the people involved and the organization as a whole," he said.

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PARKING

UWO changes parking

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UW Oshkosh Parking Services implemented changes to campus parking this semester aimed at creating a more efficient and accessible parking system.

The university's parking services said that the changes are based on years of community feedback, evolving data, data analysis and insights from parking personnel.

Approximately 35 new resident parking spaces have been added in Lot 34.

Lot 17 has fully become a resident parking lot.

Commuter permits are only valid in Lot 25 after 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

An updated map of campus parking can be found at uwosh.edu/parking/maps/campus-maps/.

A new "Off-Peak Permit" has also been created for Lot 13, located between Kolf Sports Center and Pearl Avenue. The permit is valid from 5:30 to 8 a.m. and 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays.

The changes are also intended to improve the campus's resident and employee permit waitlists. Currently, resident parking permits are limited and sold on a seniority/lottery basis.

An email announcement from UWO Parking Services states "We have operated with a resident permit waitlist at the Oshkosh campus for more than two decades and with the recent workforce reductions we were able to track that we will see more than 125 fewer annual employee permit holders," adding that Parking Services has noticed a downward trend in employee annual permit sales since 2021.

UWO Chief of Police Chris Tarman said that these changes have lowered the number of waitlisted residents, and he anticipates this number to continue decreasing.

Tarman said that it's difficult to realize the impact of the changes while the semester is ongoing. However, there are some additional changes being looked at for the Fall 2024 semester.

"Depending on staffing and capabilities we are looking to adjust the signage at lot entrance/exits," he said. "We are looking to rename a couple parking lots like Lot 4a to Lot 3. There has been some discussion about shifting the use of Lot 4/4a but we'll see how permit holders would be impacted by any adjustments before we finalize anything."

Any feedback about campus parking should be directed to uwosh.edu/parking/contact-us/.

News

Gov. Evers signs Wisconsin Act 249

Bill expands access to mental health facilities, limits response time for crises

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Gov. Tony Evers signed Wisconsin Act 249 into law March 29, expanding Wisconsin's crisis care infrastructure for people experiencing a mental health crisis.

The bill allows people to be treated closer to home and reduces the amount of time law enforcement and first responders spend transporting individuals for emergency detentions.

Department of Health Services Deputy Secretary Deb Standridge said that one of her top priorities is access to mental health services for all Wisconsinites who need them.

"Act 249 will help us address a significant gap in Wisconsin's system of care and ensure people experiencing mental health emergencies get the right care, at the right time, in the right place," Standridge said. "This bill will help us transform the way we care for our state's most vulnerable using the Crisis Now model of someone to contact, someone to respond, and a safe place to get help."

According to the office of the governor, the new bill will look to add mental health facilities, which will help reduce the amount of time law enforcement and first responders must give to emergency detention cases by offering a dedicated first responder drop-off location that accepts custody of these cases.

The bill requires crisis urgent care and observation facilities to accept all referrals for adults and some children. The legislation also allows these facilities to take cus-

tody of emergency detention cases without prior medical clearance at an emergency room.

Standridge said crisis urgent care and observation facilities will provide staff and services to de-escalate and treat young people and adults experiencing a mental health crisis without long wait times.

"When law enforcement is involved, they no longer need to decide between an emergency room or jail," Standridge said. "This no wrong door approach provides appropriate care without adding additional stress to the patient and that patient's family and community."

Act 249 requires the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to establish a certification process for crisis urgent care and observation facilities, which admit an individual to prevent, escalate or treat the person's mental health or substance use disorder. In order to earn a certification, DHS must obtain approval from the Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) after a 14-day review of mental health facilities.

Evers said he has doubled his efforts to make investments that address Wisconsin's mental health crisis after he declared 2023 the Year of Mental Health during last year's State of the State address.

"Since 2019, my administration has been working to find solutions to the burgeoning crisis of mental health in our state, and specifically, to address the burdens law enforcement agencies, healthcare providers, counties and others have faced with our current crisis response infrastructure," Evers said. "Every budget I've introduced has



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Gov. Tony Evers signed Wisconsin Act 249 March 29, which expanded the state's crisis care infrastructure for people experiencing a mental health crisis.

proposed solutions to these challenges, so I'm glad we were finally able to reach bipartisan consensus to get this done."

According to the office of the governor, the 2023-25 budget signed by Evers provided \$10 million over the biennium in the JFC's supplemental fund to establish two crisis urgent care and observation centers.

The legislation specifies that the contents of the bill can't be used to prohibit, limit or interfere with services provided by a coun-

ty, hospital or any other facility. It also allows facilities that are providing crisis intervention services to continue with treatment without obtaining certification from DHS.

Evers said the state's crisis intervention and emergency detention practices must be improved to make sure Wisconsin is serving individuals in crisis.

"This critical step will help Wisconsinites experiencing a crisis get the urgent care and treatment they need closer to home and their support systems while helping to alle-

viate the burdens on law enforcement and local counties," Evers said. "That's a win-win for folks, families and communities across our state."

Winnebago County has over 10 facilities that work to treat people that are experiencing mental health issues.

UW Oshkosh students can go to the Counseling Center inside the Student Career Center or call 920-424-2061 if they are experiencing a mental health crisis.

Vietnam veterans open up on anti-war efforts

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In April 1971, thousands of American veterans threw their war medals at the U.S. Capitol to demonstrate their refusal to support the Vietnam War.

Over 50 years later, Vietnam War veterans who took part in the GI resistance during the war continue to reflect on their anti-war efforts while they were in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The movement, which advocated for resistance to military involvement in the Vietnam War, began in 1964 and played a significant role in the United States's withdrawal from the war as its military began to dysfunction.

The Center for Civil and Community Engagement invited three of these veterans to share their experiences as leaders of the GI movement.

Here's what they had to say.

Rob Haerberle

In March 1968, U.S. Army photographer Rob Haerberle documented the gruesome My Lai massacre, which left 504 innocent Vietnamese people dead in four hours.

"I was taught to kill, kill, kill," Haerberle said about his basic training once he was enlisted into the Army.

This violence rings true in his My Lai massacre photo series, which depicts the brutal reality of the war.

In one haunting photograph, Haerberle captures a dead, partially submerged Vietnamese victim who was thrown into a well to contaminate drinking water in the area.

Another image shows a frightened, elderly Vietnamese man.

"[He] was trembling so badly that he could hardly walk," Haerberle wrote next to this photo. "He looked as if he wanted to cry. I left him and heard two shots."

However, among the pictures of piles of dead bodies, there are some photographs of people still alive today.

Haerberle captured a photo of the only American casualty that day in My Lai — a U.S. Army soldier who had purposely shot himself in the foot to excuse himself from the attack.

Other photographs feature a then-6-year-old girl named Ha Thi Qui, the only Vietnamese survivor that day.

Haerberle's work was published in 1969 and had a tremendous impact on how Americans viewed the war. His work has been featured since in Time Magazine and he continues to bring his photo exhibition across the country.

Susan Schnall

While on active duty during the Vietnam War as a U.S. Navy nurse, Stanford graduate Susan Schnall dropped 20,000 anti-war leaflets across San Francisco-area military bases from a rented aircraft.

"I knew that I could no longer be silent," Schnall said.

A lifelong activist, Schnall encouraged other GIs to join her in her protests against the war. She led 500 soldiers and sailors down Market Street in San Francisco, and this paired with her shower of anti-war leaflets earned her a court martial. She was ordered five years of hard labor.

Schnall said she was inspired by U.S. Army doctor Howard Levy, who was court-martialed for refusing to train medics on their way to Vietnam.

"[His] actions reminded me that simply healing the soldiers from the war might not be enough," she said. "That being part of the military machine enabled the war to continue."

The GI resistance was integral to shaping the nation's view on the Vietnam War and the U.S. military, Schnall said.

"[The GI movement] took forth to the American public that not everyone in the military supported the United States government and military and their genocidal ac-

tions against the people and land of Southeast Asia," she said.

Schnall continues her activism as co-coordinator of the Vietnam Agent Orange Relief and Responsibility Campaign and president of the New York City chapter of Veterans for Peace.

David Cortright

Vietnam War veteran and professor emeritus at Notre Dame University, David Cortright is a national expert on protest and resistance within the American military.

After being drafted, Cortright decided to enlist in the military and volunteered for the Army Band in an effort to avoid active duty.

"I was hoping that I would just get over this thing, avoid being sent to Vietnam," he said. "But my conscience wouldn't allow me to."

Cortright said he felt compelled to volunteer in active duty after hearing the stories from soldiers who had returned from Vietnam and had already felt the harsh effects of the war.

"The stories they would tell, the anger they reflected, the bitterness toward the Army and toward the war really started to raise questions for me," he said.

At first, Cortright felt insecure about his views on the war as a soldier, he said. However, after

finding other like-minded members of the military, he became more involved in the GI movement.

"I knew I had to speak out," he said.

Cortright signed several petitions calling for peace, including one with over 1,365 signatures which was published in the New York Times. Cortright and other soldiers also created GI coffeehouses and underground newspapers to communicate more effectively as the movement expanded.

As the GI resistance grew, so did military disobedience. Vietnam-era Army veteran and author George Lepre reported that there were at least 600 instances of soldiers attacking superior officers (also known as fraging) in the Army during the war, although the exact number is unknown.

"The pressure of the anti-war movement was relentless, and the soldiers [were] not going to fight," Cortright said.

Cortright shares more of his experiences in anti-war protests in his 22 books, including "Soldiers in Revolt: GI Resistance During the Vietnam War," "Waging Peace in Vietnam: U.S. Soldiers and Veterans Who Opposed the War" and his latest, "A Peaceful Superpower: Lessons from the World's Largest Antiwar Movement."

Arts & Culture

UWO alumni premiere new play

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Five UW Oshkosh alumni, Breanne Brennan, Kellie Wambold, Andrea Ewald and Matthew Scales, are involved with the premiere of a new play, "A Cappocalypse!" The play was released March 23 and will run until April 6 at Zao Milwaukee Church, 2319 E. Kenwood Blvd, Milwaukee.

Playwrights Andrew Hobgood and Joe Lino, with development help from The Constructivists, created a local production about an a cappella group from Oconomowoc facing the apocalypse.

The Constructivists, a Milwaukee storefront theater company founded by Jaimelyn Gray, are known for their dark humorous productions like this one.

Gray said it's important to find local people to participate in this play because of where it's located.

"Since the play takes place in Wisconsin, we thought it would be a good opportunity to reach out," Gray said.

Not only does the play have participants who graduated from UWO, but Gray is also a proud alumna, who went back to school at 26.

"I was grateful to have the access to the theater that the department provided, right around the corner from my house essentially. I find myself carrying the torch



Courtesy of The Constructivists

The cast of "A Cappocalypse!" are rehearsing for their play's debut about an Oconomowoc a cappella group facing the apocalypse.

for non-traditional students, moms and for students who need that access that Oshkosh provides."

Gray encourages students to realize that leaving the state of Wisconsin isn't the only way to live out their dreams.

"UW Oshkosh is the school that helped me fulfill my [theater] dreams," Gray said.

Kellie Wambold is an actress in the production and alongside

Gray, she said she believes that this play allows people to fulfill their dreams.

"[This play] outlines just how many ways there are to fulfill dreams," Wambold said. "There's just such a microcosm in Milwaukee ... where artists are doing really passionate work. Producing art that is new, real and says something that isn't just a regurgitation of ... theater standards has been

really fulfilling with this show."

Breanne Brennan is the sound designer for this production and studied radio/TV/film at UWO; she said that there's an interactive feel to the play.

"What's interesting about this show is that there's an immersive aspect about it," Brennan said. "[I like] tying sound design into that immersive experience."

Gray encourages everyone to

make the trip and come and see the play.

"The point that we like to try to make is you can make great art anywhere," Gray said. "You don't have to drive all the way to Chicago to see a great product. There is a pride that exists of coming from Oshkosh and continuing in your fields that you've studied, and all of us are doing that."

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The Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra performs at a previous concert under the conduction of the director of orchestras, Dylan Thomas Chmura-Moore.

Orchestra continues to grow

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Many UW Oshkosh music ensembles have grown in size, despite the school having an \$18 million deficit and a decline in admissions.

Katherine Decker is a part of the cello faculty at UW Oshkosh and principal cello for the Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra, where she mentors students, advises sectional rehearsals and works closely with students near the time of the concert.

“We’ve all seen so many impacts from the deficit, and how the university has chosen to face that deficit,” Decker said. “It’s actually been strange timing because in the music department we’ve seen growth in several of our ensembles.”

UWO is home to several ensembles, including choirs, orchestras, bands and an orchestra where all students can audition to play music no matter their ability level or major.

“We’re seeing unprecedented participation in these ensembles, with big numbers, when we’re seeing less students actually

come in, less majors come in the department,” Decker said.

There is less of a worry about finding students to participate in music ensembles and more of a worry about how OSO will continue to operate through the deficit and other budget issues that may arise, she said.

“I wonder the viability for all of the ensembles. I worry for them because of the budget, not because of the student numbers,” Decker said. “Because I feel like the students are participating more and more, if anything just to de-stress.”

Rebecca Briesemeister is a fifth-year student at UWO majoring in music education and violin performance. She is also a member of OSO.

“Throughout my five years at UWO, I’ve been a part of the orchestra and have been able to see it prevail through COVID and grow immensely over the last year as part of the OSO,” Briesemeister said.

OSO is open to the community around Oshkosh as well. Community members can audition, which can lead to opportunities for students outside of the classroom.

“Being able to work with community members during my university orchestra experience has allowed me to see directly how music and community impacts everyone,” Briesemeister said. “This type of community and sense of belongingness is something I will strive to create and continue to be a part of after my time at UWO.”

Briesemeister said that music is a popular way for students to de-stress from school or things going on in their life. She said it gives students the opportunity to practice music or view it in concerts, which may help increase our admittance at UWO.

“The consistency of playing in orchestra during my time at UWO has been so comforting knowing that whatever is going on in my academics or the outside world, the community and consistency of orchestra is always there on Monday nights,” Briesemeister said.

The OSO will perform its next concert along with UWO choirs April 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the UWO Music Hall.

Visit oshkohsymphony.com/events for more information.

Galleries opening this week



Courtesy of Ryan Steiskal
“Koi in a Botanical Pond,” a piece from Ryan Steiskal will be featured in the Annex Gallery.



Courtesy of UWO Art Galleries
Dej Txiaj Ntsim Yaj’s artwork will be featured in the Allen Priebe Gallery.

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This week there will be two new galleries opening, one in the Allen Priebe Gallery and the other in the Annex Gallery.

Dej Txiaj Ntsim Yaj is the artist who is going to be featured in the Allen Priebe Gallery, with artwork from their collection “sawv tsees rov los os, lift yourself up and return”. The show opens today and there will be an artist talk from 5 - 6 p.m. in the Arts and Communications Center in room S149 and a reception right after.

Artist and UW Oshkosh alumn, Ryan Steiskal, is going to be featured in the Annex Gallery, with artwork from their collection “Terrestelle.” The show will open today and there will be a reception on April 5 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

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Sports



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Hannah Ritter runs after a hit earlier in the season. Ritter went 3-for-4 with 2 RBIs in the 7-0 victory versus Gustavus Adolphus on March 28 in Clermont, Florida

Softball remains unbeaten

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The UW Oshkosh softball team continued their undefeated start to 2024, going 8-0 in the Spring Games down in Florida March 22-28.

The Titans were supposed to play 10 games in Florida over the week, but due to a rainout on their first day of games, they ended up only playing eight games. Head coach Scott Beyer said that the rainout actually helped the team.

“Friday’s rainout wasn’t all that bad. We had a long travel day Thursday,” Beyer said. “I know the team was disappointed. They were excited to get playing, but we used the day to recover from the long day before.”

Beyer may not be wrong that the rain helped the team. UWO

won by four or more runs in all but two of their games. The day one doubleheader for the Titans set the tone for the rest of week. UWO won their first game against Amherst College (Massachusetts) 9-0 after a six-run fifth inning. Pitcher Sydney Nemetz pitched a complete game shutout to earn her fifth win of the season. In their next game against Buffalo State College (New York) the Titans won 6-5. The Bengals responded to the Titans’ four-run first inning with a five-run second inning to take the lead. UWO was able to reclaim the lead with a game-tying RBI single from Haylie Wittman in the fifth and a go-ahead RBI double from Hannah Ritter in the sixth.

After the first day of games, it was smooth sailing for the Titans. In their time at Florida, the

UWO offense scored a combined 64 runs in all eight of their games. The team scored four or more runs in all but one game. The pitchers also held their opponents to a combined nine runs. The two games for the Titans that stood out the most in their time at Florida were the games against Gustavus Adolphus College (Minnesota) on March 25 and Kalamazoo College (Michigan) on March 26.

UWO won 7-0 over Gustavus Adolphus, but the most impressive thing was that Nemetz pitched a no-hitter. Her no-hitter was not only the 13th in program history, but it was the second no-hitter pitched by the Titans just this season. Nemetz’s performances were part of a very good week from the starting pitching staff. Beyer credits how simple they were on the mound.

“All five threw really well. They hit their spots and change speeds well,” he said. “They have a lot of trust in their defense, which allows them to keep the mindset of attacking the opponent and trusting their teammates behind them.”

The win over Kalamazoo was all about the offense. The Titans beat the Hornets 17-2. After going into the seventh with a 7-0 lead, the Titans were able to put up 10 runs in the seventh alone. After a throwing error allowed Morgan Miller to reach first base, the Titans were able to blow it even more wide open after an RBI from Cali Divito.

The Titans completed their trip to Florida for the Spring Games with a 16-0 record. They will have two more non-conference matchups before they head into

the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference schedule. Beyer recognizes that the WIAC conference is one of the best, and that the team will need to be ready.

“Pitchers are great, hitters are better, runners are faster etc.” he said. “Beyond that, the familiarity that each team has with one another is another thing that keeps the games in the WIAC close. The rivalries also bring out the fun in everyone, but they are also challenging.”

The Titans will play a doubleheader versus St. Norbert College today. Game one will start at 3 p.m. and game two will start at 5 p.m. Both games will take place at the UWO Rec Plex.

UWO track athlete leaps to victory

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UW Oshkosh senior Joshua Rivers won the NCAA Division III Indoor Championship for long jump and helped his team secure third place overall in track and field.

The UW Oshkosh national qualifiers competed in Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 8 and 9, and the men’s team earned 10 All-America nods and third place overall with a score of 51 points.

On his first jump, Rivers made a 7.58-meter jump which is the longest in program history.

Rivers said his national championship win was incomparable to any other.

“There were a lot of emotions that went into this meet before, during and after,” Rivers said. “But once I realized I had done it, it was just a very surreal experience and I feel honored to have won it.”

Men’s track and field assis-

tant coach Jared Benson said that Rivers’ win greatly contributed to the team’s third-place ranking.

“When you have a national champion like Josh who’s earning 10 points for their event, it’s going to have a really big impact on those final results,” Benson said. “It’s just one of the pieces of the puzzle, and once you put it all together, it makes for a nice picture.”

Rivers said that, as a team, being only one point away from second place overall was a bit-sweet moment.

“Seeing how close we were was irritating in the moment,” Rivers said. “But at the end of the day, we can’t be mad because we came and did what we wanted to do.”

Benson said that Rivers is always diligently dialed in on the athletic improvement process.

“Not only is he asking the questions needed to improve, but he’s applying everything that he learns,” Benson said. “There are only so many things

a coach can tell an athlete before they have to take things into their own hands, and Josh isn’t afraid to go out and do just that.”

Benson said that Rivers’ record-setting first jump left Benson surprised yet worried that another team might top it.

“It’s always nerve-wracking waiting to see if someone’s going to beat your team,” Benson said. “My eyes were stuck to the leaderboard the entire time waiting for something to change, but the great thing was that nothing did.”

Rivers said that he was able to keep his nerves under control despite the stakes riding on this meet.

“I told myself, hey, this is just another meet,” Rivers said. “At the end of the day, no matter the situation or the results, I’m gonna be happy that I’m even in this position in the first place. So I just got after it.”

Rivers said that he hopes to bring this success into his outdoor season this Spring.



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Joshua Rivers (far right) won the WIAC long jump on Feb. 23.

“I definitely have some big goals going into the outdoor season that I want to attack,” Rivers said. “But for right now, I’m just taking my training day by day so I can get to that point.”

Benson said that he believes that the best is yet to come from Rivers and that he sees immense potential for Rivers’ outdoor season.

“The crazy thing about him is that he’s already jumping really far, but I know for a fact that we haven’t seen his farthest jump yet,” Benson said. “If we can find those last two pieces of the puzzle, he could end up pushing that record even farther than he already has.”

Sports



Scoreboard

Saturday, March 23

Gymnastics

NCGA Championship

UWO - First Place

Softball

Game 1

UWO - 9

Amherst (Massachusetts) - 0

Game 2

UWO - 6

Buffalo State College (New York) - 5

Monday, March 25

Softball

Game 1

UWO - 4

Union College (New York) - 0

Game 2

UWO - 7

Gustavas Adolphus (Minnesota) - 0

Tuesday, March 26

Softball

Game 1

UWO - 17

Kalamazoo College (Michigan) - 2

Game 2

UWO - 6

Union College (New York) - 0

Thursday, March 28

Softball

Game 1

UWO - 13

Gustavas Adolphus (Minnesota) - 1

Game 2

UWO - 2

Colby College (Maine) - 1

Friday, March 29

Baseball

Game 1

UWO - 7

UW-Eau Claire - 4

Game 2

UWO - 12

UW-Eau Claire - 2

Saturday, March 30

Baseball

Game 1

UWO - 12

UW-Eau Claire - 2

Game 2

UWO - 12

UW-Eau Claire - 11

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 4

Softball

vs. St. Norbert College (Wisconsin)

at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. at UWO Rec

Plex

Saturday, April 6

Baseball

at UW-Whitewater at 12 p.m. and

4 p.m.

Track and Field

UW-La Crosse Ashton May Invitational at 12 p.m. in La Crosse

Sunday, April 7

Baseball

at UW-Whitewater at 12 p.m. and

4 p.m.

Titans begin WIAC play with sweep

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The UW Oshkosh baseball team completed a four-game sweep versus UW-Eau Claire on March 29 and 30 to begin Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play.

The first game against Eau Claire was the first UWO took the field in 12 days due to the cancellation of a total of three games against both Milwaukee School of Engineering and Carthage College last week.

Connor Brinkman got the start on the mound in game one against the Blugolds, his fifth start of the season.

The Titans would take the lead and never look back. Nick Shiu hit an RBI single in the first inning to give the Titans a 1-0 lead to start the game. The second inning would be more of the same as Logan Schill hit an RBI double that brought home Brenden Max from second. Jack McNamara followed with an RBI groundout that allowed Braydon Skenandore to score from third, extending the Titans lead to 3-0.

As Brinkman continued to throw four scoreless innings, UWO added more to their lead in the bottom of the fourth inning. Zach Taylor hit a two-RBI double that scored McNamara from second and Jake Surane from first. Mason Kirchberg hit a single to left field in the next at-bat that allowed Taylor to advance to third, but thanks to a fielding error by the Blugolds left fielder Taylor was able to score on the play, making the Titans' lead grow to 6-0.

The Blugolds eventually got on the scoreboard after RBIs from both Dustan Green and Ethan Plantz in the seventh inning. After recording one out in the eighth inning, Brinkman gave up a two-run home run to Drew Salyers, marking the end to Brinkman's day on the mound. The Blugolds cut the Titans' lead down to 7-4.

Brinkman finished the day with 7.1 innings pitched allowing four runs on 10 hits with six strikeouts to two walks, earning the win.

Brett Gaynor came into the game and pitched 1.2 scoreless innings allowing three hits to secure a 7-4 Titans victory for his first save of the season.

Game two saw Connor Walters take the mound for his third start of the season in search for his first win this season.

After Walters struck out the first two batters of the contest he gave up a solo home run to Blugolds' first baseman Walter Johnson, giving the Blugolds an early 1-0 lead.

The Titans responded immediately with a lead off double by Surane to put himself in scoring position and two at-bats later Taylor would drive Surane home with a double of his own, knotting the game at 1-1 after one inning of play.



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Jake Surane hits a three-run home run to secure a 12-2 victory over UW-Eau Claire on Friday.

The Blugolds had two out magic once again in the second inning with a runner at first base and Plantz hitting an RBI triple to gain the lead back from the Titans. Walters was able to get the following batter to pop-out preventing any further damage.

The Titans were able to tie the game back up in the bottom of the inning when McNamara hit a sacrifice fly with the bases loaded, scoring Skenandore from third.

From this point forward UWO's bats would continue to roll and Walters would get in a groove on the mound.

Walters forced three straight fly outs in the top of the third inning for a scoreless inning. The Titans in the bottom of the inning led off with a Kirchberg homerun to take the lead. Skenandore hit a sacrifice fly that scored Carter Stebane before Max was thrown out at third base to end the inning, giving the Titans a 4-2 lead.

The Titans earned themselves a big inning in the bottom of the fourth as Jack McKellips began the scoring barrage by advancing home on a wild pitch. McNamara hit an RBI double followed by an RBI single by Taylor that scored McNamara. The Titans then hit two sacrifice flies before the end of the inning by both Shiu and Max, giving the Titans a total of five runs for the inning and extending their lead to 9-2.

The game didn't see any other scoring until the bottom of the seventh inning where Surane hit a three run home run. This extended the Titans lead to 12-2, which ended the game due to the 10-run lead rule.

Walters earned his first win of the season pitching a seven inning complete game, giving up two runs on seven hits while striking out five batters and giving up zero walks.

The Titans would continue play against the Blugolds the following day, this time with LJ Waco taking

the mound for his fourth start of the season.

UWO jumped out to a 1-0 first inning lead after an RBI from McNamara. The Titans then followed with a three-run second inning that featured Shiu scoring on a passed ball, Max scoring on a balk and Surane hitting an RBI groundout, pushing the Titans' lead to 4-0.

After adding a run in the fourth inning, Taylor hit a two-run home run in the fifth inning to give the Titans a commanding 7-0 lead.

The Blugolds finally jumped on Waco in the seventh inning when he gave up a two-run home run to Drew Salyers. The Titans however would put the game away in the eighth inning when they scored five runs in an inning that featured RBI singles by both Max and Skenandore, an RBI double by Danny Connelly, an RBI groundout by Surane and Connelly scoring on a wild pitch. This brought the Titans lead to 12-2 ending the game once again due to the 10-run rule.

Waco threw an eight inning complete game allowing two runs on four hits, while striking out nine batters and only walking one. Waco's pitching record now stands at 3-0 for the season.

The final contest of the four game series was an offensive shootout. Aidan Trusky got the start for the Titans.

The Blugolds opened the floodgates in the top of the second when they scored two runs off an error by Surane. Two at-bats later, Johnson would hit his second home run of the weekend for the Blugolds, this time a three-run home run which gave the Blugolds a 5-0 lead.

The Titans came out swinging in the bottom half of the inning scoring four runs with RBIs by Skenandore, McKellips and Surane. McNamara later scored in the inning after an error by the Blugolds' third baseman, cutting the Blugolds lead to 5-4.

The Blugolds tallied a run off an RBI walk in the third inning, in the bottom half of the inning Stebane responded by hitting a solo home run for UWO. In the bottom of the fourth inning the Titans were able to muster a sacrifice fly to tie the game at 6-6 after four innings of play.

No more runs were scored until the top of the seventh inning when Diego Caicedo hit a solo home run to give Eau Claire a 7-6 lead. Kirchberg answered the call for the Titans in the bottom half of the inning by hitting a two-run home run, giving UWO its first lead of the game at 8-7.

The Blugolds continued to put the pressure on in the eighth inning by scoring four runs off an RBI single, a two-RBI double and a wild pitch by Gaynor. The Titans now faced an 11-8 deficit with only six outs remaining.

The Titans were able to tie the game immediately after RBI singles from both Surane and McNamara with Surane also later scoring off a throwing error. After a scoreless inning thrown by Alex Windey, the Titans headed into the bottom of the ninth inning tied at 11-11 with a chance to walk it off.

Skenandore hit a single and advanced to second base after a single by McKellips. Surane cashed in the walk-off 12-11 victory for the Titans as he hit a single down the right field line, scoring Skenandore from second base.

Four pitchers appeared in the game for the Titans with Windey earning the win with 1.1 scoreless innings allowing zero hits and one walk.

The Titans record now stands at 10-6 overall and a perfect 4-0 to start WIAC play.

The Titans will continue WIAC play against UW-Whitewater on the road on April 6 and 7 with games being played at 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. each day.

Early season baseball stat leaders

HR:

Kirchberg - 3
Max - 2
McKellips - 2
Shiu - 2

RBI:

Taylor - 20
Surane - 17
Kirchberg - 11
Shiu - 11

SB:

Surane - 11
McNamara - 6
McKellips - 4
Max - 3

ERA:

Waco - 2.86
Gaynor - 3.38
Huibregtse - 3.86
Jansen - 4.67

Opinion

Leavitt needs to be visible on campus

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Extra! Extra! Read all about it! UW Oshkosh's Chancellor Andrew Leavitt appears to be missing in action.

Okay, maybe not completely missing, but it's starting to feel like that. At one time, you could find Leavitt meandering around campus, standing outside of Dempsey Hall or even walking through Reeve Memorial Union.

The catalyst to this mystical disappearance seems to be the announcement of the \$18 million deficit in August of 2023 – right before the start of fall semester.

Working at the Advance-Titan has given me more access to speak with the chancellor than the average student. He's been a source for a story in the past and responded well when asked for an interview.

That changed drastically last semester. Every time I contacted the university's marketing department to set up an interview with Leavitt, he was miraculously out of town on the days that I was available.

That became a common theme. Few of the A-T reporters, faculty and university staff, few have seen or heard from Leavitt in the past few months.

Between the press and the people, we were all looking for answers – answers from Leavitt in particular. Yet, he was nowhere to be found.

The lack of transparency became so apparent that the university community began losing faith in Leavitt's leadership – to the point that a vote of no confidence was proposed and will be voted on soon by faculty.

Of course, now there's backpedaling. Leavitt is upset to hear that UWO has lost faith in him. So upset that he published a 4,397-word blog post in an attempt to dismantle the letter the Faculty Senate sent out asking for opinions about this vote of no confidence.

In said blog post, Leavitt wrote he was "appointed to lead this collaboration we call a chancellorship nearly 10 years ago." The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines collaboration as "to work jointly with others or together especially in an intellectual endeavor." Where has the collaboration gone?

To work jointly in this situation, Leavitt should be available to the campus community more than ever. Having a spokesperson isn't good enough; we want to hear from the big man in charge.

Why hasn't Leavitt been attending Faculty Senate meetings? Why is he avoiding the press? The A-T hasn't landed a single interview with the man in over a semester, but if we had maybe things would look different for him.

Backlash to this situation was inevitable. Leavitt was going to get heat regardless of the statements

he published – that's just how the cookie crumbles.

If he was truly a strong leader, he'd take that criticism in stride and continue to collaborate with the campus community to develop solutions and quell the anxiety. There's that word again – collaboration.

A blog post is not enough. It's easy to hide behind a screen and craft the perfect statement to publish, but it's impersonal. How are we supposed to believe it was actually written by Leavitt? We know he has a team of people working behind the scenes, and we also know his right hand man is trained in journalism – someone else could have easily written that blog.

That being said, Leavitt, if you're reading this, here is a personal letter to you:

It's not too late to try and turn the tide. If you start showing up – and I mean physically showing up – for your campus community, you might be able to win back some support.

Hold forums for the public, allow students to meet with you during office hours, provide candid responses and show us that you actually care.

Empathy goes a long way, and right now you are lacking in this department.

Your campus has no confidence in you because you've shown cowardice in the face of mass scrutiny.

MISSING



HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN?

Graphic by Jessica Duch / Advance-Titan

You've shied away from the public at a time when your university has been at the forefront of the higher education conversation in Wisconsin.

There are rumors you spend your time hiding at your second house in Georgia; how are we supposed

to feel good about that if that is the truth?

Give us a reason to feel confident in you. Maybe you should start by meeting with A-T staff. After all, this community has relied heavily on us to report the truth.



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Cinder's Charcoal Grill offers an all-you-can-eat whitefish fish fry every Friday.

Restaurant review: Cinder's Charcoal Grill

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If you're looking for a good Friday night fish fry, look no further than Cinder's Charcoal Grill. I recently went there to enjoy some fried fish with friends, and I was thoroughly impressed. The fish they have on Fridays is whitefish, and it is all you can eat, so you can definitely eat your money's worth.

I found the fish to be quite tasty, and the plate comes with a piece of rye bread and fries. The breading on the fish is fairly light, so you taste more of that fresh fish rather than a mouthful of breading. At some fish fries, you can barely taste the fish under all of that breading, but at Cinder's, you'll leave knowing you just had one of the best fish fries around. They also had some very good tartar sauce for those who like to drench their fish in sauce as well.

For people who aren't fans of fish, Cinder's also has pretty good burgers, which come with all-you-can-eat fries as well. I would definitely recommend the Jack Daniel's burger or the Curdonator, a burger piled high with Wisconsin cheese curds.

The restaurant itself was very clean, and all of the staff there were very friendly. When you walk in, the staff greet you with a smile, and our server was always there if we needed any refills or wanted another order of fish. When my group left, many of the staff thanked us for coming and told us to have a good rest of our night. There are also several TVs there, usually with sports on, so customers can watch while they enjoy their delicious fish fry.

For students at UWO, the restaurant is about a 15-minute walk from Halsey, so no car is needed to enjoy some good food. Cinder's is

also right on Main Street, so it's a good start to a Friday night being near the bars. And with money being a concern among many college students, who could say no to an all-you-can-eat feast for less than 15 dollars?

So, whether you're looking for a place to eat with your friends or you're just craving a great-tasting fish fry for a good price, be sure to check out Cinder's Charcoal Grill here in Oshkosh. Especially with Pub Crawl coming up, it's also a great place to get some food in before enjoying a night on the town.

A Friday fish fry is a staple of Wisconsin eating, and this place exceeded my expectations. The staff was very friendly and greeted customers with smiles all around, and it's overall a great atmosphere for students looking to get in on the Wisconsin tradition of a Friday night fish fry.

Pak's sushi opens at UWO

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I'm not going to lie, I was stressed out after Scotty's closed. As someone with food sensitivities, fruits, veggies and for some reason Scotty's BLTs are about the only things I can count on to not give me a stomachache. That means constant visits to the only two healthy food places on campus: Grains and Greens and Fresh on the Fox, both of which get tiring after a while, especially considering each place only has 1-2 options.

So, when I found out a sushi place was opening on campus, I was absolutely ecstatic. Besides the fact that I love sushi, I was excited to have more healthy food options for both myself and others who may have similar food sensitivities or just a desire to eat healthy.

Moreover, I was excited to finally have an Asian cuisine place on campus since it is my favorite cuisine, and this campus doesn't have one yet. I was excited selfishly, but also for the many international students, specifically those from South Korea as they make up around 28.2% of all of UWO's international students.

The new sushi place, called Pak's Pan-Asian Sushi & More, opened this past Monday in Blackhawk Express. Because of this, all orders can be placed via the GrubHub app using Ultimate Meals, Titan Dollars, or you can pay out of pocket. Its hours of operation are from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday

through Thursday, and 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Fridays.

The sushi comes in an eight or 12-piece and features all of your favorite rolls such as the Baja California roll, the veggie roll, spicy tuna, shrimp tempura and southwest salmon.

Although I'm most excited about the sushi, it doesn't stop there. They also have these combinations in a poke bowl form and a sushi burrito form.

If any of the existing options don't float your boat, though, don't fret. There's also a build-your-own option in which you can choose from a variety of toppings, veggies and protein to create your own unique sushi roll, bowl or burrito.

I went simple and ordered the Baja California Roll – knowing what a good California roll tastes like from years of experience – and I was not disappointed. Especially in comparison to the pre-packaged sushi in the Reeve refrigerators, it was practically heaven. It definitely wasn't NOBU, but it certainly beat the sushi I typically get at Festival on \$5 sushi Wednesdays. Each roll is made to order, meaning it is created fresh when the order is placed especially for you. Each bite was fresh, delicious and crunchy, and the rolls themselves looked very nice and didn't fall apart.

So, whether you're sick of eating the same things on campus or you're just going through Scotty's withdrawal, Pak's Sushi is the place to go.