



CSAC NewsBreak

Sage Hall Opens Its Doors

Composed by Amanda Ziesemer

For the first time in more than 40 years, UW Oshkosh opened the doors to a new academic building this fall - Sage Hall. Sage, meaning wisdom, houses the College of Business and several College of Letters and Science departments and programs. The planning began in 2009 with collaboration from many groups and individuals and finished just in time for classes to start this fall. Patti Wild, University Services Program Associate for the Undergraduate Program in College of Business, served on the Task Force that was behind much of the planning: "It was very interesting being involved from the ground up... technology all the way to furniture choices...members from classified staff, faculty, and administration were involved and it was great getting everyone's point of view and seeing them all incorporated." The continued rise in student enrollment showed a need for more classroom space and the force behind this project. This new space certainly delivered this and much more.

Sage Hall is the most environmentally friendly and efficient building of its kind in the state. The building supports the University's mission to be sustainable with a live green roof, solar panels, natural lighting, sustainable landscaping and rain gardens. These features helped qualify the building for a gold LEED rating from the U.S. Green Building Council.



Consideration was given to the layout and aesthetics of this new academic building. Great planning was needed to develop efficient spaces for the various uses of the building that were attractive and user friendly to encourage collaboration. Cindy Schultz, Academic Department Associate for the Journalism Department, moved to Sage and was very excited about the change: "The space is absolutely beautiful. The coolest thing is that they truly thought about the students' needs when designing this building. There are so many little areas for students to sit and study, or visit, or whatever. The natural light that flows through that area (and many other areas of the building as well) is phenomenal. The building is very much alive!" Wild commented loving "the newness. Everything is brand spanking new. Clow was in constant renovation. This space was built for us. I love being here!"

Sage Hall is one of the last projects in the state to be part of Percent for Art, a program that was repealed by the current Governor and Wisconsin State Legislature this past July. Wisconsin's Percent for Art Program for the past 31 years has designated two-tenths of one percent of the total construction budget for selected new state buildings or renovation projects for the commission or purchase of artwork from the region. Only state buildings with a high degree of public access are eligible for funding. A committee is formed including representatives from campus administration, faculty, and students. Sage's art budget was \$94,000 and the committee looked for work that supported the sustainability theme and had multiple layers of metaphoric meaning. One of the pieces is a metal sculpture in the outdoor courtyard.

The dedication took place on Friday, September 23 outside the new building on High Avenue. Chancellor Richard Wells, state legislators, community members, faculty, staff, and students were in attendance to show support and tour the new facility. Many spoke of the great impact this new building will have for the campus and community. Those who moved to Sage seem to agree. Although there have been many new challenges and adjustments made, Wild states, "It is an absolute dream come true!"

Facts about Sage Hall:

- 4 stories tall, 191,000 square feet
- 27 new classrooms
- Houses the largest lecture halls on campus
- Project total cost is \$48 million
- Houses an Einstein Bros. Bagel shop
- Large Chancellor's medallion embedded in the main entrance floor

For more information about Sage Hall, check out the section on UW Oshkosh Today devoted to the New Academic Building: <http://www.uwosh.edu/today/category/nab/>.

Information about Percent for Art: <http://artsboard.wisconsin.gov/category.asp/linkcatid=3409&linkid=1651&locid=171>.

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Chair's Message

Submitted by April Dutscheck



I have worked here on campus for over three years now and I enjoy the University so much. It really is a second home to a lot of us considering we often spend more time in one day with co-workers than we do with our personal families. For that reason, it's a joy to have a great job and work with a great group of people, not just classified staff, but everyone. We all make up this incredible 'community' and educational hub.

With the semester well under way, we are surrounded by the ever emerging growth of our campus. With a supportive and forward moving administration, we are surviving despite continued harsh budget cuts. We are trying to stay positive in

this almost impossible budget time, as we all individually and collectively are doing our best to stay afloat. With funding for our growth coming from different areas than those cut, we are fortunate enough to have had SAGE Hall open this fall and the new residence hall currently being built.

The Classified Staff Advisory Council has now been around for over 11 years and has been and continues to be a neat opportunity for those elected classified staff from across campus to get together monthly and go over issues and concerns that are current. With activities such as "Celebration of Light" (which is a great opportunity to volunteer in the community) and our own Classified Staff Development & Appreciation Day (a day of workshops, speakers, games and relaxation), we have numerous ways for many classified staff to work together with each other outside of our everyday office settings. There are committees correlated with the appreciation day for those that like to help out, and classified staff also have a variety of seats on many all-university committees. The intertwined way in which we all work is encouraging and fun.

We are anticipating another great year and looking forward to working with everyone to help the next group of educational seekers move toward their goal! Not only do we have jobs, which as we all know, is more than some can say... we have great ones!

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Farewell Roberta!

It is with regret that the CSAC Marketing Committee says farewell to Roberta Stuemke who will be retiring this December. Roberta has been a member of the Marketing Committee and NewsBreak staff for many years while working as the Stacks manager at Polk Library. Her contributions have been plentiful from CSDAD planning, Rowland Room booking, and writing numerous articles for the NewsBreak. Her presence and ideas will be missed by the committee. We wish her the best in her adventures after retirement.

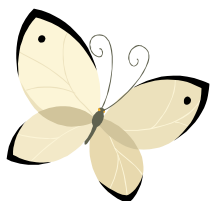
Thank you, Roberta, for all you have given to the committee and the University!

Sincerely,
CSAC Marketing Committee
Jenny, Carol, Shaune, Deanna, Dana & Amanda



Winnebago Audubon Society

Contributed by Evelyn Meuret, Learning Technologies



The Winnebago Audubon Society (WAS) has been sponsoring programs in the Winnebago County area since 1982 when the chapter received its charter from National Audubon. I started my relationship with WAS by attending programs with my daughter Carmen. Eventually, I was approached to take my participation to a higher level and was elected to the board of directors. I have taken it one step further and am now the secretary. Dana Hartel, another classified employee at UW Oshkosh, is also on the board of directors for WAS. Check out our website at www.winaudubon.org.

Every year we sponsor programs that we plan and coordinate, but we also get our community involved in Midwest and National programs as well. So far, 2011 has been busy with some of our traditional programs and some new ones. We started the year with our Great Backyard Bird Count Workshop in February. The workshop prepares birders for the Great Backyard Bird Count, which is an annual four-day event, usually held over the 3rd weekend in February. Watch for our 2012 workshop and Google GBBC to find out more.

OTHER 2011 WINNEBAGO AUDUBON SOCIETY EVENTS:

March: 'Show & Tell' Ice Cream Social; Easy Home Composting
April: Spring Banquet; Annual Midwest Crane Count
May: Oshkosh Bird Fest; Calling All Frogs! A Night Hike; Paddle Rush Lake
July: Tour of Terrell's Island
August: Bird by Bike
September: Catch and Tag Migrating Monarchs; Prairie Walk on the Wiouwash Trail; All About Fungi; 'The Green Fire Story' [check out www.aldoleopold.org/greenfire]
October: Work Day at Sullivan's Woods: <http://www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us/aboutus/environmentaled.cfm>



STILL TO COME:

On Thursday, November 17, there will be a presentation about the Restoration and Management of Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid at Uihlein Waterfowl Production Area. The presentation will be held at the Evergreen Retirement Community at 6:30 p.m. Feel free to attend this program; check out the WAS website and consider becoming a member.

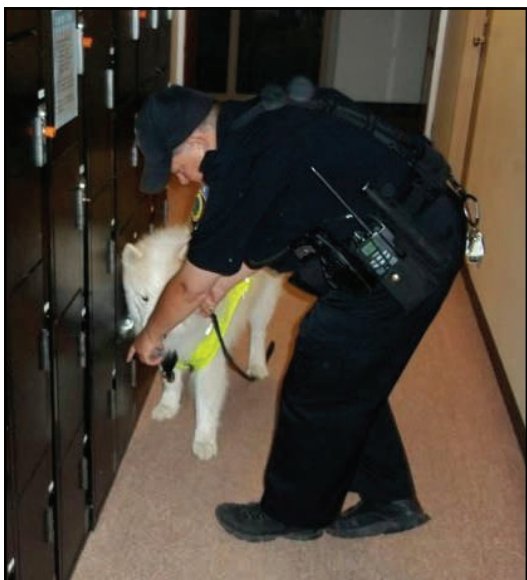
Spotlight: Laura England—University Police Department

Composed by Roberta Stuemke

Once again, it was the first Friday of a fall semester and the faculty, staff, and student employees of Polk Library were performing another Murder in the Stacks role-playing event to introduce university students to the library and the services it provides. Fall 2011 brought in close to 60 student 'players,' the highest number yet, but this wasn't the only unique thing about the event. For the first time since the 2002 initiation of Murder in the Stacks, there was a canine participant! Badge, a 5-year-old Samoyed also known as Ch. Bramblewood's WHATCHA GONNA DO (R.N. H.T. JHD), accompanied his proud handler, UW Oshkosh Police Officer Laura England, to perform as a 'scent dog,' sniffing out the villains for the climax, much to the pleasure of all the other participants.

Badge did his job beautifully, obviously enjoying things every bit as much as all the two-legged cast members and guests! Of course, the handsome white dog is actually trained more for therapy than police work – the Samoyed breed is famous for its friendly, social disposition, which makes it less than ideal as an attack or guard animal.

Laura England attended both UW Oshkosh and UW-Stevens Point, earning a B.S. degree in Resource Management with a minor in Environmental Law Enforcement, and serving as an LTE Park Ranger. She has been a police officer on our campus for 15 years. She's had Samoyed dogs for almost twice that – 27 years – after being introduced to the breed by her mother. She works with them as therapy dogs and also trains them to compete in herding, agility, endurance and backpacking. Many of her beloved dogs have accompanied her to work, including Max and Smudge, Badge's father and grandmother, and now Tazer, aged 2 years. Her colleagues appreciate her efforts, knowing that the work is important and that it also provides a good reputation for cops.



At the invitation of Community Advisors, Laura brings her dogs to residence halls to meet the students, who tend to run up to the dogs, declaring "I want one!" They can set aside some of the social and/or emotional problems they face as they run hands through the luxurious thick fur, gaze into deep, beautiful eyes, and try to match the beautiful smiles that are part of this breed's trademarks. Laura has also participated in grade school programs where her dogs have helped with socialization skills, and provided comfort and therapy for children experiencing a variety of tragic circumstances. The dogs are an approachable contact point, helping to dismantle emotional walls and bringing the light of their happy dispositions into otherwise sad lives.

Laura and I ended our conversation by discussing how pets of all kinds can brighten a person's life. However, she emphasizes that there is a need for people to do their homework before they choose a pet. If you are considering getting a dog, don't choose a Samoyed solely because they are such beautiful animals – check the various internet websites that give details about all the different breeds (especially the American Kennel Club or AKC site) in order to pick one that matches your lifestyle and personality. Once you have decided on a breed, check with your area Humane Society, ASPCA shelter or a rescue organization to adopt a homeless pet rather than buying an animal from a pet store or a backyard breeder.

*Badge sniffing for clues at Murder in the Stacks with
Officer Laura England*

Opening Day 2011: 140 Years

Composed by Amanda Ziesemer

Summer ended much too quickly, and the buzz of students and faculty brought the campus back to life for this year's Opening Day. On September 6 UW Oshkosh welcomed many returning and over 100 new faculty and staff to the 140th Annual Opening Day. Many attended the breakfast and assembly (or listened to it on the podcast) to hear Chancellor Wells' address, "The Courageous University: Continuing to Build the Future Through Fearless and Focused Entrepreneurialism, Innovation and Academic Freedom Exercised Responsibly." Read more about Opening Day: <http://www.uwosh.edu/today/14040/chancellor-wells-speaks-on-courage-at-opening-day-assembly/>.

The achievements of many faculty and staff members were recognized on Opening Day: <http://www.uwosh.edu/today/14031/employees-honored-at-opening-day-assembly/>. Outstanding Performance Award recipients are below.

The Chancellor's Run/Walk is also a tradition of the Opening Day festivities allowing participants to get out of the office and have some fun. Many classified staff participate and use the activity to meet up with others they don't see regularly.

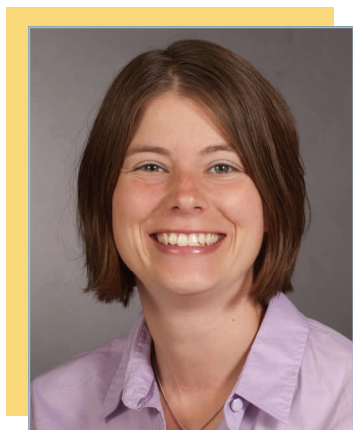
To view pictures from Opening Day and the Chancellor's Walk, visit <http://www.uwosh.edu/today/14105/this-week-in-focus-sept-9-2011/>.



Outstanding Performance Awards 2011-12

Composed by Amanda Ziesemer

The 2011-12 Outstanding Performance Award recipients were recognized at this year's Opening Day. The University's Outstanding Performance Award recognizes exemplary members of the classified staff whose activities, accomplishments and service are most deserving of acknowledgement. The NewsBreak staff extends their congratulations to:



Amanda Bain

University Services Program Associate for
Center for New Learning



Mary Hale

Administrative Telecommunications Specialist
for University Telecommunications



Debra Talkington

University Services Program Associate for
Cooperative Academic Partnership Program

For full descriptions of their achievements and to see the other faculty and staff who were recognized on Opening Day, visit: <http://www.uwosh.edu/today/14031/employees-honored-at-opening-day-assembly/>.

Celebration of Lights-Classified Staff Volunteerism in the Community

Submitted by Karen Reiter



The volunteer spirit of the Classified Staff at UW Oshkosh was visible at the 2010 Celebration of Lights, and we have been asked to volunteer again this year. The spirit of the event is exhibited by giving back to the community through volunteering our time working at the main entrance gate at Menominee Park.

Celebration of Lights is a collaboration of many area individuals, organizations and businesses, making this a bona fide community holiday celebration. The task of hanging lights and placing displays starts at the beginning of November. Last year more than 10,000 vehicles drove through Menominee Park and experienced the magic and the beauty of the many lighted exhibits.

Yet Celebration of Lights is so much more than the half million lights spread over a one-mile route through beautiful Menominee Park. It supports the local community with an annual food drive. Visitors receive \$2.00 off the normal admission cost by donating a non-perishable food item. Since 2001, attendees to the annual holiday event have donated 80 tons of non-perishable food, which has been turned over to local pantries, scheduled through United Way, to feed those in need in the Oshkosh area.

This year celebrates the 10th year of Celebration of Lights. UW Oshkosh Classified Staff began volunteering several years ago and we have made it an annual tradition. An announcement has been sent requesting that people sign up for volunteer times for this year's event. Please refer to your email and consider helping with the fun and giving spirit of the holidays.

I would like to thank everyone again who volunteered for last year's Celebration of Lights. It was my pleasure serving as the University coordinator for the 2010 Celebration of Lights. Compliments abounded on our spirit and our willingness to support the Oshkosh community.

Thank You! School Supplies Drive

Composed by Jenny Borgmann

During CSDAD 2011, we collected boxes of school supplies and raised \$153.16 for the back to school supply drive. The Marketing Committee used the money to purchase additional items. All items were donated to the 2011 Stuff the Bus Campaign through the United Way and were distributed to area children at the Back to School fair held at FVTC. Here is a list of what was purchased.

- 154 #2 pencils
- 30 packages of loose leaf paper
- 24 boxes of 24 count crayons
- 17 pencil cases/boxes
- 14 boxes of tissue
- 14 packages of eraser tops
- 14 rulers
- 14 packages of colored pencils
- 12 deodorants
- 12 2-pocket folders
- 10 scissors
- 6 protractors
- 6 bottles of shampoo
- 6 wide-ruled spiral notebooks
- 5 tooth brushes/toothpastes
- 5 protractor/compass sets
- 4 packages of 3x5 cards
- 3 10-count packs of broad line Crayola markers
- 2 5-pack Bic highlighters, multi colors
- 2 4-packs of glue sticks
- 2 bottles of school glue



Holiday Reminders

Composed by Amanda Ziesemer

The holidays will quickly be here, so here are some reminders from Human Resources for filling out your timecards!

Thursday, November 24: Legal holiday - University Closed

Saturday, December 24: Floating legal holiday – can be used at anytime, but must be used by December 31, 2011 or it will be lost.

Sunday, December 25: Legal holiday - University Closed Monday, December 26

Saturday, December 31: Floating legal holiday – can be used at anytime, but must be used by December 31, 2011 or it will be lost.

Sunday, January 1: Legal holiday -University Closed Monday, January 2, 2012

Floating Legal Holidays: Must be used by December 31, 2011 or they will be lost.

Personal Holiday Hours: Must be used by December 31, 2011 or they will be lost.

Vacation Hours: 2011 vacation can be carried over, but must be used by June 30, 2012.

Annual Leave Conversion: Annual leave conversion process of banking vacation hours to sabbatical will occur in mid- to late November. You will be contacted if you are eligible.

Check out Human Resources updated website for more information: <http://www.uwosh.edu/hr/> or contact Jodi Anthony with questions: anthonyj@uwosh.edu.



Mitten Tree Back Again

Composed by Amanda Ziesemer

The CSAC Marketing Committee will again be sponsoring a “Mitten, Hat and Scarf Tree” with all donations going to the Oshkosh Boys & Girls Club. Last year was very successful and we hope to warm even more heads and hands this year! Donations of winter apparel will be accepted November 14 to December 9. Items will be used by children who do not have proper covering for times they go outside during the cold winter months. Dropoff sites include University Books & More, Registrar’s Office, Sage Hall, and the Department of Art Office (AC 325). Thank you for your help!



Nutcrackers on the Town Artist

Composed by Dana Hartel



Dawn Abraham, Administrative Services, is a true artist among us. She was chosen through an artist proposal process as one of 63 artists to create a masterpiece for the "Nutcrackers on the Town" event in Oshkosh.

How did you get selected/involved in creating one of the nutcrackers?

Last winter there was an article in the Oshkosh Northwestern about the "Nutcrackers on the Town" project, which caught my eye. It is very similar to the "Pride of Oshkosh" from six years ago where 33 sculptures of lions were placed throughout the community. There was a call for artist proposals, as there was a committee that decided on all the proposals. I've never tried anything like this before, so I was pretty excited when my concept for my nutcracker titled "Regal Reflections" was accepted in mid-April.

Are there special requirements for your piece?

They were pretty open to just about anything that didn't ruin the integrity of the fiberglass structure. It is large, 7 feet tall on its stand, and weighed about 70 pounds to start out. My proposal included covering most of the nutcracker with colored mosaic mirror. I bought my specialty mirror glass at the Stained Glass Studio in Milwaukee. I used a beautiful rippled deep red, gold and cobalt blue mirror. The mirror came in big sheets, and I had to score it, break off the strips, and then break the strips further on the lines into one-half inch squares. After I did that, the most tedious part to me was to take all those thousands of pieces and lay them upside down on cardboard in order to be able to spray them with a mirror sealant. That was necessary to stop the edges from blackening over time and from the caustic chemicals in the grout I'd be using later. Then after that, I was finally able to start gluing the pieces on. I started at the bottom and went up, as the lower ones supported the weight of the pieces placed on top and kept them from sliding off. I spent 62 hours gluing on the pieces. The very last day was the most difficult, as I had to cut to size special pieces to fit in the small spots, nooks and crannies. I had to cut, grind, fit and then reseal those pieces. It was a labor of love. And I got to meet a lot of the neighbors over the weeks I was working on it; they would stop to see the progress as I worked in my driveway or in the garage when it rained.

What size is your nutcracker?

It's pretty much life sized, 7 ft tall before I did some customization, 6 ft tall with his hat taken off. I did that to accommodate a jeweled crown on his head to complement his "outfit" of mirrored glass.

When did you start on your piece and about how many hours do you anticipate you'll spend?

I thought about it for a very long time! Then in July started with the fiberglass work, his arm had to be cut and repositioned, and his hat cut off and head reshaped. I had help with this from Josh at Geiger

Auto. I then had to sand off the entire surface, paint and seal on top of that, so that the glue and grout would have a surface to "stick" to. My husband helped me cut off the 6 buttons, as I replaced those with some dazzlers with gems in the middle. He's all about "bling."

Do you have any "signature" that you include in the nutcracker?

Not of my own, the stands are going to have a very nice plaque on them engraved with the Nutcrackers title, artist name, and sponsor name on them.

Do you have any other information you feel people would find interesting about your work or the event?

There is a calendar of events for the Nutcracker on the Town project. We just had a wonderful gala event at the Convention Center where 10 of the 50 nutcrackers were showcased in a sneak preview. Mine was there, even though I hadn't gotten to the grouting yet. He was almost done. Next they will be mounted on their bases, engraved plaques attached and then mounted on floats for the Oshkosh Holiday Parade on Thursday, November 10. Then they go to the various sponsors locations all over town. Mine will be at CitizensFirst Credit Union headquarters on Universal Street, off Hwy 44. There will be 100,000 maps printed, with a mailing of 50,000 planned, and the rest at businesses, organization offices, restaurants and more. After being on display throughout the holiday season, they go into hibernation until September 7, 2012, where they will be displayed downtown at Opera House Square, and then the following day they'll be "marched" by professional movers once again to the Grand Opera House for the auction extravaganza. Proceeds from this auction go towards the arts in greater Oshkosh.

For more information on the event, please visit <http://www.visitoshkosh.com/announcements/nutcrackers-on-the-town-project.html>.

The STAR Awards

Composed by Roberta Stuemke

The STAR Award is given monthly to a Classified Staff member who has worked at least six months at UW Oshkosh and has demonstrated a "commitment to the University by virtue of outstanding performance in support of the University's goals ... Individuals must have performed above and beyond the expectations of their assignment position." For the complete description of why each winner was chosen, links to articles on UW Oshkosh Today are listed. Winners of the STAR Award receive a framed certificate, a reserved parking space for one month and a gift from University Books & More.



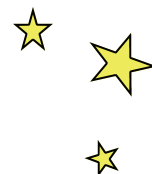
JULY

Amy Ready - Center for Academic Resources

Nominated by: Becky Beahm, Gina Frey, and Christine Webb

Special Event or Accomplishment: Provides support to students needing tutors; assumed higher level responsibilities while the director was on medical leave.

<http://www.uwosh.edu/today/13057/uwo-center-for-academic-resources-associate-receives-july-star-award>



AUGUST

Debra Weiske—Gruenhagen Conference Center

Nominated by: Marc Nylen and Norleen Luebke

Special Event or Accomplishment: Instrumental in partnering with the staff and students of FVTC and in providing students with an exceptional lodging program.

<http://www.uwosh.edu/today/13463/uwo-gruenhagen-conference-center-team-member-receives-august-star-award>



SEPTEMBER

Michael Morrissey—Inventory Control Coordinator in Central Services

Nominated by: Michael Lizotte

Special Event or Accomplishment: Key player in recognizing an opportunity for UW Oshkosh to shift most of its paper purchasing to 100% recycled paper.

<http://www.uwosh.edu/today/13759/uwo-inventory-control-coordinator-receives-september-star-award>



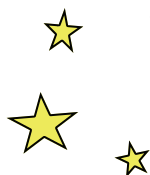
NOVEMBER

Robert McIlraith—Custodian at Student Recreation & Wellness Center

Nominated by: Anne Armstrong

Special Event or Accomplishment: Petitioned to let custodial staff take responsibility for landscaping duties; designed, built, and installed hand sanitizers; does projects at home, on his own time.

<http://www.uwosh.edu/today/14716/uwo-custodian-receives-november-star-award/>



Employees On The Move

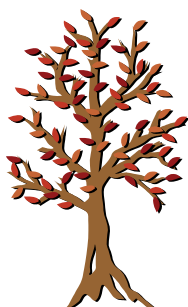
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NEW HIRES

Kristy Burg—Geography and Urban Planning

Jordan Johnson—Foundation Office

Kathleen McQuillan—Provost Office



RETIREMENTS

Karen Meyers—Titan Central



NAME CHANGE

Ashley Lidtke to Ashley Jackowski



TRANSFERS

Terrea Malinski—Administrative Computing to Registrar's Office

Jeanne Pobanz—Testing Services to Counseling Center

Carol Smith—Social Work to Admissions

Cassie Stadler—Facilities Management to Reeve Union

Rae Ann Wetzel—UW Madison to UW Oshkosh OSA

Erika Zakrewski—UW Stevens Point to UW Oshkosh History Department

Jeri Zelke—Educational Foundations to Interdisciplinary Studies

