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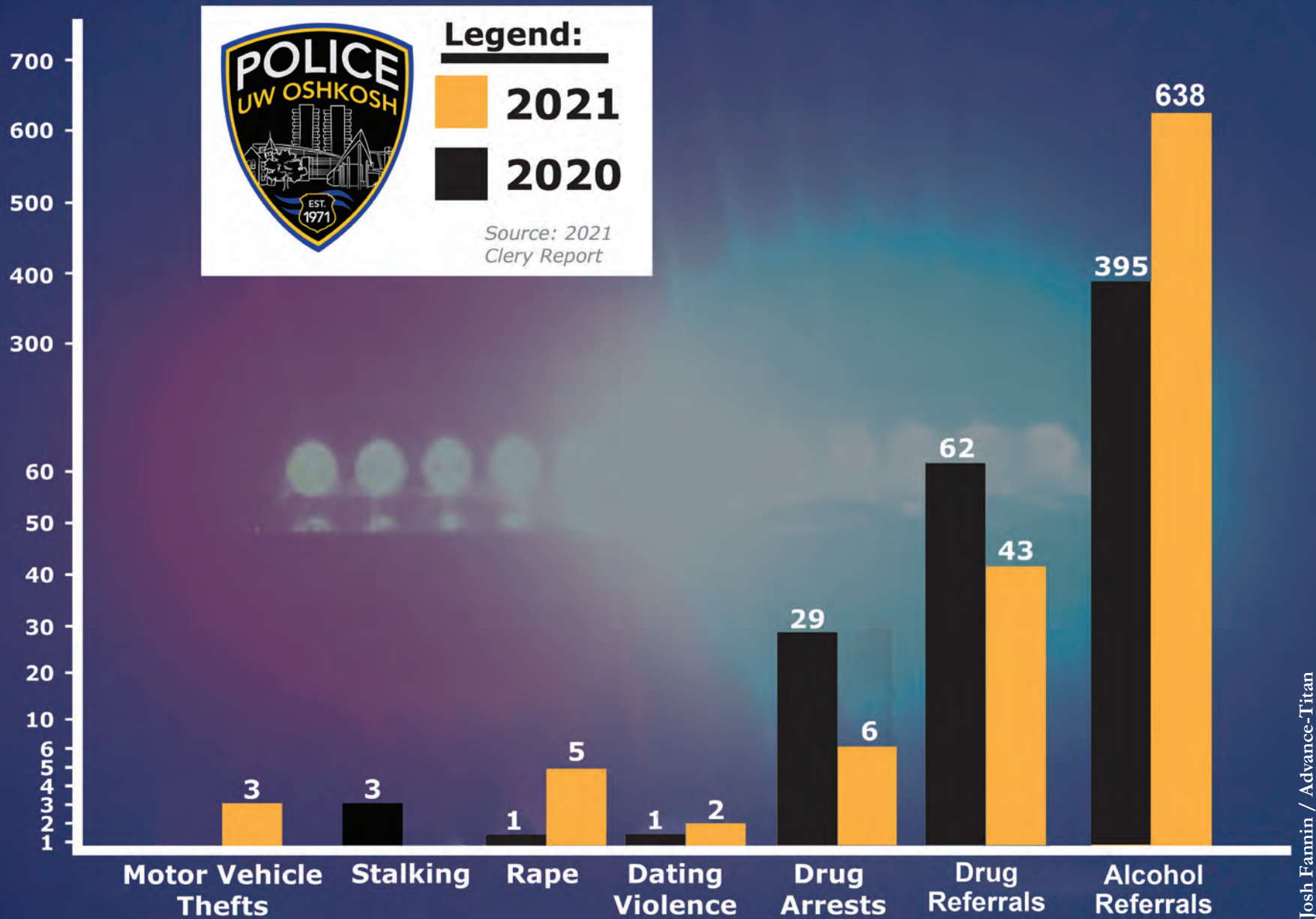
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## 2021 UW Oshkosh Crime Statistics



## Campus sees increase in rape, vehicle theft

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Rape and vehicle theft increased in 2021 on campus, according to the University Police (UWOPD) Clery Report, a federally mandated report of on- and near-campus crimes and referrals.



Tarmann

Compared to 2020, this year's Clery Report is notable for detailing illegal activity occurring during a period with lessened COVID-19 restrictions. One rape was reported in 2020 versus five in 2021 and zero vehicle thefts were reported in 2020 versus three in 2021.

"The pandemic sent all of the on-campus residents off the UW Oshkosh campuses which caused crimes against people to decline greatly on campus," Acting Chief of Police Chris Tarmann said. "Having said that, an increase in these numbers is something that we're attentive to as a police department and we've worked to bring back our mission-based policing initiatives to disrupt any further increase in these numbers."

Tarmann made note of the Red Zone, Busted and Crosswalk initiatives, which target underage drinking and sexual violence, residence hall burglaries and pedestrian safety respectively.

"All of these missions were built to proactively reduce crimes and increase community relationships," Tarmann said.

Referrals for drug and alcohol consumption on the Oshkosh campus shifted in the new year, with alcohol referrals increasing and drug referrals decreasing. There were 395 alcohol referrals in 2020 versus 638 in 2021 and 62 drug referrals in 2020 versus 43 in 2021.

Tarmann said that changes in employed officers can make getting accurate statistics difficult.

"Numbers in this area can increase or decline drastically with the increase and/or reduction of a police officer working for UWOPD," Tarmann said. "It's a bit more difficult to track the actual numbers in this area."

Car thefts were another crime which saw significant change from 2020 to 2021, with 2021 containing three car vehicle thefts versus 2020's zero.

Tarmann said that trends in motor vehicle crimes nationwide align with the occurrence of these thefts and offered advice for stu-



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Wheel locks are one way to protect your vehicle from getting stolen. Safety precautions such as this are recommended by UWOPD.

dents to deter theft, such as utilizing steering wheel locks available from the UWOPD or not leaving valuable items in their vehicles.

Tarmann also advised students wary of catalytic converter theft to contact the UWOPD if they see any suspicious behavior.

"[Theft occurs] when vehicles are more vulnerable because of where they are parked or how accessible it is to cut and steal the converter," Tarmann said.

According to an article by Wisconsin Public Radio's Diane Bezucha, "Catalytic converters are a part of a car's exhaust system, responsible for filtering out toxins from the emissions ... thieves cut out the converter in under two minutes and then sell it for the precious metals it contains, such as rhodium, palladium and platinum."

Despite changes in crime statistics, Tarmann remains posi-

tive about the state of security at UW Oshkosh.

"My current impression is that UW Oshkosh is a safe campus," Tarmann said. "However, it is a college campus, and there are people who target the vulnerability of our student population."

The 2022 Clery Report can be read in its entirety on the UW Oshkosh police department's website.



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Student spending on textbooks has decreased significantly in the past year due to digital formats offering a less expensive alternative to the physical copy.

# Student spending decreases

## Digital format challenges physical copy

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Spending on textbooks has decreased by 26% between the 2020 and 2021 academic years, according to the Association of American Publishers. This reflects a decade-long decrease in spending by 48%, from \$655 a decade ago to \$339 today.

University Books & More Assistant Bookstore Director Nikki Olthoff said that the bookstore has experienced an average decline of about 4.3% per year in student textbook purchases over the past six fiscal years. She cites digital formats as one of the primary factors responsible.

“Students have greater choice to purchase the format and pricing that works best for them,” she said.

More prudent purchasing decisions by students has also led to a decrease in spending. But online resources, such as textbook retailers, give students a greater range of purchasing options and more flexibility to buy course materials later in the semester.

The vastness of free internet resources also gives students a reason not to purchase course

materials altogether. But this can ultimately hinder their learning experience.

“If students don’t have the required textbook, they are disempowered,” said English Professor Pascale Manning. “Our course reading materials are something that we are actively investigating. So if students don’t have the textbook, they don’t have the core of the class.”

Manning said that she wants her students to be free to gain information on their own and not rely on her alone to guide them. She said that this starts with having the proper course materials.

“Textbooks are crucial in giving students the opportunity to feel like they are empowered to interact with the data themselves,” she said. “I don’t want students to perceive me as the knowledge communicator and themselves as only regurgitating information that I give them.”

Course materials ultimately come down to the professor teaching the course, and Olthoff said that more self-conscious decisions by professors contribute to lower spending. Some professors are choosing cheaper alternatives or dropping course materials altogether in favor of approaches that are aided by online materials.

While digital formats can provide ease of access for some students, it’s difficult for others to engage with online materials in the same way that they would a physical copy. Some digital course materials also provide only temporary access, meaning that students cannot reference them after their allotted time has expired.

However, despite course materials moving more and more to online formats, UWO operates one of the most successful book buybacks in the Midwest region, Olthoff said.

“This is important because it means that we are getting money back in the pockets of students and contributing to a healthy used book supply,” she said. “However, with the rise of digital options and more instructors choosing to assign courseware like access codes, buy back rates will decrease over time since digital materials cannot be resold.”

Book buyback rates dropped substantially during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, but they are currently increasing toward pre-pandemic numbers.

Affordability starts with the instructor.

- Bookstore Director Nikki Olthoff

find more affordable options.

Olthoff also acknowledged that publishers are moving exclusively towards digital formats.

“I am in support of digital options, but I believe that allowing students to choose what works best for them contributes to their success,” she said.

# IT thief yet to pay outstanding fine

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A former UW Oshkosh IT specialist who stole between \$10,000 and \$100,000 worth of university property received a two-year prison sentence after being found guilty of theft.

Michael Van Vonderen, who stepped down from his IT position in September 2019, sold 115 stolen items to various pawn shops, according to UW Oshkosh Police Detective Mike Bartlein.

An internal audit determined that Van Vonderen had access to nearly \$29,000 worth of missing university property.



Michael Van Vonderen

UW Oshkosh police connected the stolen property to Van Vonderen shortly after he stepped down, and he was found

guilty due to a no contest plea in October 2021.

The next major development in the case occurred on April 28, 2022, when Van Vonderen appeared in court for his sentencing and restitution hearing.

He was sentenced to two years in state prison, two years of extended supervision and four years of probation.

The court delayed the prison sentence and extended supervision sentences, both of which are yet to begin.

Van Vonderen owes the court roughly \$12,570. He owes an approximately \$2,176 forfeiture to the Winnebago County Clerk of Circuit Court in addition to

\$13,094 between two unnamed creditors.

None of the owed money has been paid so far.

UW Oshkosh Chief Technology Officer Victor Alatorre said that his department has made substantial changes over the last three years to prevent future cases of theft.

“We have implemented asset management policies like staffing roles and changes, door access, video security and mobile device management strategies,” he said.

The case was officially closed on August 29, 2022.



# ‘The weather outside is frightful, but the [heat] is so delightful’

## Campus heating turns on after first snowfall of season

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UW Oshkosh campus heating was not turned on until Oct. 17, which left some students, faculty and staff complaining about the cold temperatures they had to deal with.

“It’s been freezing in my dorm,” third-year Sammy Wanke said. “It’s been so hard to get out of bed in the morning because it’s so cold.”

Temperatures dipped down into the 30s in the past couple weeks, leading to difficult mornings and wearing lots of layers.

“This is a process we must go through every fall and spring,” Chief Facilities Officer JoAnn Rife said. “It is not an exact science, but we do our best to determine when to make the change.”

According to Campus Sustainability Coordinator Brad Spanbauer, in the central heating plant workers fire up massive boilers. The boilers heat up water and that water creates steam which runs through pipes and is pressurized and creates heat for campus.

“[The heating plant] is how our entire campus, 54 buildings, are heated and cooled throughout the year,” Spanbauer said. “Our chiller plant is the largest user of electricity on campus by far. All of this infrastructure is underground, under our feet, running in these massive steam tunnels and piping systems.”

Rife said campus heating is

usually turned on in mid-October due to the weather being consistently cooler and therefore cooling down the buildings.

“Each fall, facilities staff considers forecasted weather conditions to determine when to turn on the heat for the season,” Rife said. “Because most of our buildings are connected to the steam loop from the main heating plant, once the heat is turned on, it is on until we turn off the heat in spring.”

Spanbauer said UWO switched from using coal to 100% natural gas in the heating plant in 2020 after finishing a 50-year contract with a coal mine in Kentucky.

“The good thing about natural gas is that it burns cleaner than coal,” Spanbauer said. “It produces about 50% fewer emissions than coal, but it is still a fossil fuel. When you think about natural gas, the burning side of it is super clean, but the extraction side is very bad.”

UWO saves no money by turning on the heat so late.

“Generally, we need to go from cooling to heating so there is not a savings – unless Mother Nature allows us some longer stretches of moderate weather, but that doesn’t tend to be the case,” Rife said.

If anyone on campus has yet to feel a temperature change in buildings, this is due to the process of heating.

“Once we turn on the heat, it will take a few days to move

through the underground piping and effectively heat the buildings,” Rife said. “This process must be done slowly to prevent ruptures in the piping that can occur from quick changes in temperature and pressure.”

Various buildings on campus are sustainable in ways they can produce their own heating and cooling.

“Some buildings have solar thermal panels that help to heat the hot water, like Albee [Hall] or the pool,” Rife said. “Some buildings have solar electric panels to help reduce electrical energy we need from the local grid, like Sage [Hall]. Then we have Horizon Village and Student Success Center that utilize geothermal to help to heat and cool those facilities.”

Spanbauer said the green roof of Sage contributes significantly to the building’s own heating and cooling.

“The plants are going dormant [during colder months],” Spanbauer said. “Because we have an extra soil layer, that adds another layer of insulation and helps keep the heat better trapped in that part of the building.”

According to the Wisconsin State Legislature, “Heating pipes in unheated spaces shall be insulated with material providing a minimum thermal resistance of R-4 as measured on a flat surface in accordance with ASTM standard C 335 at a mean temperature of 75°F.”



Katie Pulvermacher / Advance-Titan  
The Central Heating and Chilling Plants are located on the north side of campus and easily distinguishable.

Rife said buildings are set to the temperatures established by the State of Wisconsin at 72 degrees plus or minus two degrees.

Spanbauer said there are four student groups in an environmental studies senior seminar class helping investigate new renewable energy options to switch the campus heating plant.

“The main goal with climate action or decarbonization is we need to switch to electricity,” Spanbauer said. “We can get electricity through things like solar panels. We can harvest energy from a renewable source.”

To learn more about campus sustainability, visit [uwosh.edu/sirt/](http://uwosh.edu/sirt/).

# Watch for potential dangers in upcoming election

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The Wisconsin Better Business Bureau (BBB) is warning about potential dangers in the midterm election due to heightened tensions and political camps making it more likely that people will open a facetious email.

“An election’s approach always seems to turn up the emotional heat across the nation, but the United States 2022 midterm elections are no exception ... And when emotions run high, bad actors look for ways to use peoples’ passion to trick them,” a BBB press release states.

The Wisconsin BBB gave several examples of how to protect yourself from scams coming from

emails, calls and texts.

When it comes to emails, it seems that once your name is known, the emails from candidates are either

hoping to sway your support or understand your grievances with them and their opponents. Due to the high volume of emails being sent, it is possible that a scam email may be caught up in the political tide. The BBB’s advice is to move cautiously when it comes to links to given sites.

“Be especially careful of emails with links. Phishing emails might include a link that takes users to a spoofed version of a candidate’s website or installs malware on your device,” the BBB said. “Use BBB’s tips for spotting an email scam to be sure it’s real. [And] if you want to receive more information or visit a site, it’s better to type the official website address into your browser.”

Phone call scams during election season become far more tricky, as candidates may use automated callers in order to mass produce messages to constituents. These scams become exponentially more complicated to identify if you don’t not know what a legitimate caller may need to know or say. To these gaps of knowledge, the BBB offers three items of guidance.

Scammers may ask survey questions, and go on to ask for your personal information like your social security number or birthdate. Not even a legitimate caller has reason to ask you those questions.

Another tactic over the phone is to ask for donations, and once you’ve given them your account info, they’ve won.

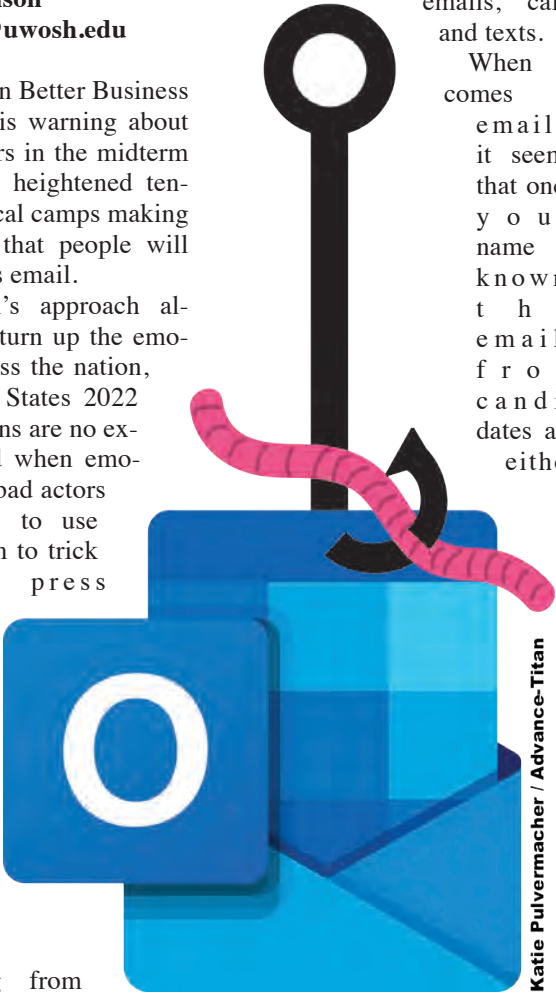
A final tactic is offering to register you to vote over the phone. Although voter registration methods have become more advanced, there is no option in any state to register to vote over the phone.

When it comes to texts, or ‘smishing,’ “citizens might receive a message that looks like it came from a trusted source, inviting them to participate in a poll or make a donation. Read more about smishing and how to identify a fake text message.”

Two tactics used by smishers are the fake problem, and a false vote. In the fake problem a scammer will ask if you made a donation to a political candidate, and if you say you haven’t, will ask for your account information in order to cancel the false donation.

The false vote offers to let you vote by text, which in no way is a real thing. Once it convinces you that you voted, you then will not go to the polls, effectively robbing you of your vote.

Being aware of how to protect yourself online is important at any time of the year. However, when political advertisements and surveys are mixed in, it can be incredibly hard to manage it all. By following the Wisconsin BBB’s guide and treading cautiously, you can help protect yourself and those around you.



Katie Pulvermacher / Advance-Titan

“And when emotions run high, bad actors look for ways to use peoples’ passion to trick them.”  
- BBB press release



Sports

Calendar



Scoreboard

Friday, Oct. 14  
Football  
UWO - 3  
UW-Whitewater - 17

Saturday, Oct. 15  
Volleyball  
UWO - 3  
UW-River Falls - 0  
Women's Soccer  
UWO - 0  
UW-Platteville - 1  
Tennis  
UWO - 0  
UW-Eau Claire - 9  
Women's Swiming and Diving  
UWO - 45  
UW-Eau Claire - 185  
Men's Swiming and Diving  
UWO - 38  
UW-Eau Claire - 193

Sunday, Oct. 16  
Tennis  
UWO - 5  
UW-Stout - 4

Upcoming Events

Friday, Oct. 21  
Volleyball  
at Elmhurst University Invitational vs Albion College 6 p.m.  
Men's Cross-Country  
at UW-Whitewater Warhawk Open at 4:45 p.m.  
Women's Cross-Country  
at UW-Whitewater Warhawk Open at 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 22  
Football  
UW-Stout at 1:35 p.m.  
Tennis  
WIAC Championship vs at UW Madison at TBA  
Volleyball  
at Elmhurst University Invitational vs Carthage College at 10 a.m. & Elmhurst College at 2 p.m.  
Women's Soccer  
at UW-La Crosse at 6 p.m.  
Swimming and Diving  
Wisconsin College Showcase at Schroeder Aquatic Center at 1 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 23  
Tennis  
WIAC Championship vs at UW Madison at TBA

A-Trivia

What popular football formation did Robert Kolf use while quarterbacking UWO?

Answer: The Wing-T



Jacob Link / Advance-Titan

Oshkosh running back Peter MacCudden (22) blazes past Whitewater's defensive line in Friday night's 17-3 loss against UWW at Perkins Stadium.

Warhawks best Titans 17-3

By Jacob Link  
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In front of a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference record 18,951 fans, the UW Oshkosh football team fell to UW-Whitewater 17-3 on Oct. 14 at Perkins Stadium in Whitewater.

After a series of three and outs for both teams, the Warhawks found the endzone halfway through the first quarter when Preston Strasburg pushed his way into the end zone for a 2-yard rushing touchdown.

Early in the second quarter, UWW struck again when kicker Jeffery Isotalo-McGuire connected on a 27-yard field goal to increase the Whitewater advantage to 10-0. With just under 8 minutes to go in the half, UWO drove down the field but was stopped on fourth down at the Warhawk 22-yard line.

A total of three turnovers were

committed by both teams before halftime, with UWO quarterback Kobe Berghammer and UWW quarterback Evan Lewandowski each throwing interceptions along with a muffed punt by Oshkosh's Londyn Little.

UWW, ranked third in the nation by d3football.com, added another touchdown after halftime when Strasburg ran for his second touchdown of the night, this time a 9-yard score to increase the lead to 17 points.

Early in the fourth quarter, Berghammer led the Titans down the field, and kicker Nolan Mobley made a 39-yard field goal to put UWO on the scoreboard down 17-3.

Whitewater gave Oshkosh multiple opportunities to put more points on the board down the stretch, but UWO committed too many mistakes as the game finished 17-3.

Berghammer finished the game

18-for-38 with 193 yards passing, no touchdowns and one interception. He also finished as the leading rusher for the Titans, running for 53 yards, while running back D.J. Stewart added 21 yards on the ground. Trae Tetzlaff finished as the leading receiver for UWO, catching five passes for 84 yards.

Stewart, who transferred to UWO from Northern Michigan University and North Dakota State, said the record crowd, the fourth largest in NCAA Division III history, produced an electric atmosphere.

"It was really fun, it brought me back to my years playing games at Division I NDST," He said.

On the defensive side of the ball, Oshkosh's Carson Raddatz had a game-high 11 tackles, and Jared Saad recorded UWO's only interception of the night.

For UWW, Lewandowski went 11-for-21 for 156 yards, no touchdowns and one interception.

Whitewater dominated the running game with Jaylon Edmonson rushing for 107 yards, Tamir Thomas rushing for 31 yards and Strasburg finishing with 29 yards and two touchdowns.

Stewart said looking back at the film of the game, there wasn't much to separate the two teams.

"One team just happened to find the end zone more than the other," he said. "It was hard to pinpoint much of a difference."

With the loss, UWO fell to No. 24 in the recent d3football.com Top 25 poll and dropped to sixth place in the WIAC standings.

"As an offense we are continuing to focus on the little things and working to be as efficient as possible in practice," Stewart said.

The Titans (3-3, 1-2 WIAC) will be back home next week when they play UW-Stout (4-2, 2-1 WIAC) for homecoming at Titan Stadium with kickoff scheduled for 1:35 p.m. Saturday.

Titans edged out on a late penalty

By Aubrie Selsmeyer  
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The UW Oshkosh women's soccer team fell to UW-Platteville 1-0 on Oct. 15 at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

Going into Saturday afternoon's matchup against the Pioneers, assistant coach CJ Dwyer iterated how important it would be for the Titans to counteract the direct style of play that UWP would bring to the field.

"They encompass a very direct style of play, we will have to be focused on keeping possession so they can't do that," Dwyer emphasized. "And if they do get possession, we have to step hard."

UWO's Rosie Rojewski is finding major success in her new-found position in midfield, establishing herself as quite the offensive threat. In the third minute of the game, Rojewski fired off a left footed shot that deflected off the upper left corner of the goal post.

The Pioneers were reluctant to step up early in the match. UWO's Alexia Poulos recog-

nized this and took advantage by driving down the right side of the field, providing the Titans with multiple crosses.

In the 14th minute, UWO's Molly Jackson pinched a shot off on frame, which saved by UWP's goalie, Emma Ball.

Two minutes later, Oshkosh's Mallory Kerhin stepped hard to defend her box off a UWP corner, holding it to a 0-0 game.

At the 17th minute mark, Poulos forced an impressive diving save by Ball, contributing to her total of 11 saves in the 90 minutes.

Throughout the first half, Platteville looked heavily to Lydia Smith for all corners and throw-ins. Smith showcased a 30-yard throw in at multiple points in the game, posing as a grave threat in the Titan's defensive third.

Before the end of the first half, the Pioneers drew a foul at the Titan's 35-yard-line. Up to take the free kick was UWP's Emma Willard and tended to by Kerhin, keeping it 0-0 going into the next 45 minutes.

During halftime, Dwyer challenged the Titans to "reach an-



Courtesy of UWO Athletics  
Keeper Mallory Kerhin kicks the ball.

other level" coming out after a scoreless half.

In the 48th minute of the second half, a free kick by UWO's Grace Hermann nearly resulted in an early goal for the Titans.

Jackson also had a crafty attempt on net with a behind the back flick in the 61st minute that was saved by Ball.

In the 68th minute of the game, the Titans found themselves scrambling to recover defensively after a breakaway and cross by UWP's Katherine Ohlwein. The

cross was cleared off the head of Oshkosh's Mackenzie Bennett.

Another great opportunity arose for the Titans in the 73rd minute off a cross from Poulos to the head of Anika Rousch who directed it just wide of the net.

Late in the 84th minute of the game, a Pioneer was fouled in the Oshkosh penalty box resulting in a late game penalty kick. UWP's Anna Spindle buried the shot in the back of the net to put Platteville up 1-0 with 5 minutes left in the match.

The Titans go into the final games of the regular season with a conference record of 0-2-2. The Pioneers advance in the season with a conference record of 3-1, remaining number two in the WIAC standings.

Wednesday, UWO took on UW-Whitewater at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium. You can find the score of the game at uwoshtitans.com/sports/wsoc/index.

The Titans will travel to Veterans Memorial Field to take on UW-La Crosse Saturday at 6 p.m.







# Remembering the Titans

Robert Kolf was one of the most recognizable figures in the history of UWO Athletics

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The inaugural UW Oshkosh Athletic Hall of Fame class in 1974 featured Robert “Bob” Kolf, often referred to as the greatest coach in the history of Titan athletics.

Kolf, an alumnus of the Oshkosh Normal School (now UWO), coached at the university for 44-years, racking up 29 conference championships in 10 different sports along the way.

“What Vince Lombardi is to the Green Bay Packers, Robert Kolf is to the Oshkosh Titans,” an issue of Alumni Spotlight wrote in 1988. “(He was) a dynamic force who shaped and molded the teams he coached and left a lasting imprint on the institution he served.”

Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1898, Kolf moved to Oshkosh at age 7 and quickly fell in love with the game of football.

Kolf said in a 1988 interview that as a young boy he used to sneak off from doing chores on Saturdays to play in football games around Oshkosh.

“I had two football suits, so I’d put one upstairs and one in the basement,” he said. “I’d throw my football suit out the window and crawl out after it. If I was upstairs, I’d throw the other suit out the window, go downstairs, get a glass of water and away I’d go.”

Kolf told Alumni Spotlight that he usually didn’t get back home until after dark.

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National Bank in Oshkosh, playing football for the city football team in his spare time.

Kolf enlisted in the Navy when the U.S. went to war in 1917 and attended the U.S. Naval Radio School at Harvard University.

“I was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia, and heard that the radio school at Harvard had organized a football team,” Kolf said to Alumni Spotlight. “I figured if I could get in, I might have a chance to play some football while I was going through the course.”

When Kolf arrived, he discovered that the football team was only open to former college students but got around that roadblock by saying he graduated from Ripon College. He easily made the team and was elected captain but resigned from the role after the school’s naval officers recruited men who’d played football for the top colleges around the country.

“There were 50 college football men, including nine All-Americans, and we were playing under a coach who’d been at Washington State before the war,” Kolf said in a 1988 interview. “Needless to say, I learned a great deal from that experience.”



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Kolf took over as athletic director and head coach of every sport in 1931, later retiring from UWO in 1967.

“Bob proved to be one of the deadliest players in the Normal Conference,” the Quiver read. “As a passer and punter, he was certainly a whiz.”

The Oshkosh basketball team, with Kolf as a starting guard, reached the conference championship in 1920 but fell to River Falls in both games of the best-of-three series.

The next season, Oshkosh claimed the conference championship by going 9-2 and taking both games against defending-champs River Falls. UWO bullied their opponents with strong defense, literally engaging in a fight with Stevens Point on the court, while outscoring every team 287-127.

On the gridiron, Kolf led the Titans to their first football conference championship in 1920 as the team went 5-1-1 to claim the top spot in the southern division. In the championship game against River Falls, Kolf threw the winning touchdown to Robert Webster as the contest finished 6-0.

In his senior season, Kolf switched to quarterback and helped the Titans to a second-place finish with a 5-2 record, falling just one game short of La Crosse.

Kolf and the Titans nearly defended their basketball championship in 1922 but were swept in the championship series by La Crosse 37-21 and 20-14, respectively. That season, UWO went 16-5 while winning every regular-season conference game.

“Bob never failed to get the rebound from the opponent’s basket, but it was not this faculty alone that made Bob one of the best standing guards in the conference,” the Quiver said. “He always played a cool game and seemed at his best in a close battle.”

After graduating from UWO in 1921, Kolf taught history for a year at Shawano High School and coached the basketball team to the state tournament in 1923, winning the consolation title.

Later that year, Kolf was offered a job as the assistant sports coach at UWO by his former college coach Howard Hancock.

In 1931, Kolf took over all of the school’s sporting activities when Hancock left to take over the role of athletic director and head football coach at Illinois State Normal School (now Illinois State). During the majority of his tenure at UWO, Kolf was athletic director, coached and taught all physical education classes as well as supervised all intramural sports.

“It was a big job,” Kolf said in 1988. “But to tell you the truth, I was so crazy about what I was doing, I didn’t know I was working that hard.”

When the U.S. entered WWII, Kolf enlisted in the military once again, serving as a lieutenant commander in the Navy aboard a fleet in the Pacific.

There were no varsity sports during the war years at Oshkosh, but Kolf still found opportunities to coach while in the military, serving as the head of the recreation office on Manus Island for 12 months.

Kolf was responsible for coaching every collegiate sport at UWO until 1955 when the head of the physical education department, Eric Kitzman, joined him as assistant football coach, later taking over as head basketball and baseball coach.

Ken Hansen, a football and basketball star for UWO under Kolf in the late ‘20s and early ‘30s, said Kolf used to run his teams until they dropped.

“I’d see guys drop over and say, ‘I can’t go anymore!’ He’d just say, ‘turn in your suit’ and of course nobody did,” Hansen said in an interview with Alumni Spotlight. “We never knew what his middle initial ‘M’ stood for, but we had our own idea. Robert Mankiller Kolf, that’s what we used to say.”

Kolf stressed the use of fast break offense and zone defense as head basketball coach, a revolutionary tactic in an era when teams were

lucky to score over 30 points.

Kolf coached the basketball team to four conference championships and led the football team to a title in 1935. As head tennis coach, Kolf led the program to 10 conference titles and the golf team to four championships.

“It wasn’t so bad getting up at 6 in the morning as it was staying up until 1 or 2 a.m., that was the problem,” Kolf told the Advance-Titan in 1974. “I didn’t have a trainer or team manager and if a player was hurt, I had to take care of him, then go home, plan practices and study game plans.”

Finally, in 1959, Kolf hired his first full time assistant in Russ Young, who later became a legendary Titan football coach and was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 1977.

In 1964, Oshkosh common council President John E. Fitzgerald officially declared Sept. 19 as Bob Kolf Day to celebrate Kolf’s 45 years with UW Oshkosh. Surrounded by former players, Kolf was given a Distinguished Service Citation plaque by the Alumni Association at the football game against UW-Eau Claire.

Years after his retirement in 1967, Kolf attended almost every athletic event at the university, later listening to games on the radio when he began to have health problems.

In 1971, the Wisconsin State University Board of Regents decided to name the new physical education building and sports center at UWO after Kolf. The Kolf Sports Center replaced Albee Hall as the home for Titan basketball, gymnastics and wrestling, while also serving as the offices for the athletic and physical education departments.

The university rededicated the Kolf Sports Center in 2013 to celebrate Kolf’s accomplishments as one of the greatest Titans in the history of UWO.



Courtesy of UWO Archives

Kolf was a star baseball, basketball and football player for Oshkosh.

“I used to play a game at Merrill school in the morning, go to Reed School in the early afternoon and then to South Park about 3 o’clock,” Kolf said. “We’d play several football games every Saturday.”

Kolf’s parents did not approve of their son playing football in high school, but eventually changed their mind after Kolf threatened to quit school altogether.

“They had a point, I only weighed 118 pounds,” Kolf said in 1988. “But I was so interested in football—I’d gone out to all the high school games and I’d read everything about football I could get my hands on. I just had to play.”

Just two years later, Kolf was the starting halfback for the Oshkosh High School football team and guard on the basketball team. After graduating from high school in 1915, Kolf worked at the First

After returning from Ireland, where he was stationed aboard the USS Caldwell later in the war, Kolf enrolled at the Oshkosh Normal School in 1919 and majored in history.

While at Oshkosh, Kolf was a three-sport letterwinner, playing football and basketball for all three years and baseball for two seasons with the Titans.

During the 1919 UWO football season captain-elect Kolf helped the Titans to a 5-1 record, securing second place in the Normal School Conference. UWO’s only loss came against UW-La Crosse, who would go on to be the state champion, after a hard fought 18-7 game.

Kolf, who played half-back, was selected as team captain after Clifford “Whop” Taylor had a season ending injury, according to the 1920 Quiver yearbook.





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# Arts & Entertainment



Katie Pulvermacher / Advance-Titan  
Zach’s BINGO Hall was held on Tuesday for students to come and enjoy during Homecoming.



Mattie Beck / Advance-Titan  
Window painting was one of the first events held for the week.

## Homecoming week events full of fun

By **Mattie Beck**  
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Homecoming is here again, and there are many events that happen throughout the week to pull the week together.

The theme for this year is Paradise on the Fox, a nod to the Fox River that runs alongside campus. Activities started with window painting on Sunday and will end with the game itself Saturday.

Many student organizations are participating in the events, ranging from Greek Life, residence halls and other campus clubs.

Along with the events, there is also a Homecoming Court, which students can apply to be crowned Homecoming King or Queen at the game.

Dylan Bram, adviser for Reeve Union Board (RUB), oversees many of the events that are held throughout Reeve Memorial Union by his executive board.

One of the first big events to kick off the event was a scavenger hunt all throughout campus.

“The Special Events Chair for Reeve Union Board, Mason Struttmann, who is overseeing all the Homecoming events - put together a fabulous set of clues that will have students traveling all around campus,” Bram said. “Making teams lean on each other to help get

them from clue to clue.”

The scavenger hunt took place on Monday, with BINGO on Tuesday and a comedian on Wednesday.

“Last year, Zachary Easton joined our organization, and we put him at the front of the room to call BINGO - after his first time calling, we had many people coming up to us saying how much fun they had at Zach’s BINGO Hall, and the name stuck,” Bram said.

This has become a tradition throughout RUB, as this isn’t the first time Zach’s BINGO hall has happened this year.

“This year we have had Zach host BINGO three different times, with the most recent bringing in almost 140 people! We hope to exceed that number during Homecoming,” Bram said.

On Wednesday, going along with the Homecoming tradition of a comedian was Lafayette Wright,

who has performed all throughout the Washington, D.C. and New York areas.

On Thursday night for events is flag football, an event that was brought back after its absence for a few years.

The event is set as a friendly game between organizations as a way to get hyped up for the big game on Saturday.

Also being judged on Thursday is the house/hall decorations, where different groups on campus will be judged for how they decorated their houses, halls and office spaces to fit the homecoming theme.

To wrap up the main events of the week is the Lip Sync/Yell Like Hell, a campus tradition that dates back years.

“This event has been around for ages, and is at least 15-20 years old, but is a staple of Homecoming week,” Bram said. “Whether

you are on a team, or you come to watch as a student, it is always entertaining, and you never know what the groups will come up with!”

Bram himself remembers the event from when he was a student at UW Oshkosh.

“I actually attended the Lip Sync event as a student back in 2008, and it sticks with me to this day as to how fun and creative some of those groups were (I think Clemans Hall won, which is now where Horizon Village sits),” Bram said.

The events end with Titan Tailgate in Reeve Union, an event to kick off the big Homecoming game on Saturday.

At the event will be the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen, and candidate Sam Sasin, a senior at UW Oshkosh, has been enjoying her time as a candidate.

“So far this has been a really fun

and rewarding experience! I highly recommend putting yourself out there and applying even if it is out of your comfort zone,” Sasin said.

The first few days of her candidacy have been full of events she has gone to, with many events being required throughout the week.

“We learned what events were mandatory and which were optional, what kind of marketing and campaigning we are allowed to do and now that it has begun, it has been very fun,” Sasin said.

Sasin has gotten to take part in service events and was also judged for the office decorations event.

“I went to Service Saturday, which was very fun. I got to go to the EAA museum and dust under all the planes,” Sasin said. “I have also gotten to judge the Homecoming office decorations which was extremely fun because everyone was so creative!”

As the events continue, Sasin is

looking forward to the ending of the week’s events.

“I am looking forward to going to see the comedian and also seeing all the families at Titan Tailgate before the football game on Saturday,” Sasin said.

Titan Tailgate and the football game at 1:30 p.m. against UW Stout end Homecoming week’s events for student.

*upcoming homecoming events*

**flag football - Thursday**  
a friendly game of flag football to get ready for homecoming!  
Rec Plex  
8 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

**lip sync/yell like hell - Friday**  
an entertaining performance that's homecoming tradition  
Albee Hall  
7 p.m.-9 p.m.

**titan tailgate - Saturday**  
activities, food, refreshments and more for students, parents and alumni  
Reeve Union  
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**HOMECOMING GAME - SATURDAY**  
head to Titan Stadium for the big homecoming game against UW Stout at 1:30 p.m.



# New exhibit on environmental issues

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The Allen Priebe Gallery’s new installation introduced a dual exhibition on Oct. 13 from artists Emily Belknap and Katherine Steichen Rosing.

The exhibition draws inspiration from emotional relationships with nature in the context of modern environmental issues including fragmentation, invasive species and polluted watersheds. The two featured artists gave presentations on their work before joining the reception on Thursday evening.

Belknap’s part of the exhibition, “[Un]scenic Views,” comments on the effects of environmental fragmentation and underappreciating landscapes that are not conventionally beautiful through sculpture and modeling.

A common theme in Belknap’s work, parking lots contribute to landscape fragmentation along with other environmental issues like draining problems, flooding problems and urban heat islands.

Her pieces “Yosemite Traffic” show the contrast between the views of the famously scenic Yosemite National Park from the valley floor and from the man-made parking lot.

Her miniature scale sculpture also features a parking lot with a lone, bare tree in the middle of it. She said this piece explores the attention we give to nature in medians, parking lots and other urbanized areas.

“What I love about this miniature scale is that it draws people into the detail and so there’s this combination of intimate detail and an austere, minimalist aesthetic,” Belknap said.

Belknap said she uses minimalism in her work to convey the effect humans have on land, particu-



Kelly Hueckman / Advance-Titan  
This piece, “Water Shields and Damselflies #13,” is an acrylic painting on a canvas by Katherine Steichen Rosing.

larly with farming techniques and deforestation.

“In a way, I’m very critical of this aesthetic, even as I use it as a way of critiquing monocultures and simplified landscapes,” she said.

While Belknap’s exhibit includes muted tones, miniature scale and minimalism, Rosing uses vibrant, abstract paintings to represent her relationship with nature in her exhibit “Ten Thousand Beings.”

Rosing’s paintings are reminiscent of not only her connection with Lake Winnebago and the Fox River, but also the relationship be-

tween different aspects of the natural world.

“I would go hiking and kayaking and think about the connection between the forest and the water,” Rosing said.

Perhaps the most notable and certainly the largest piece on display, Rosing’s “Entanglement” perfectly captures this idea. The installment is a cloth “tree trunk” hanging from the ceiling with its roots in vessels filled with water from Lake Winnebago and the Fox River, both bodies of water from Rosing’s childhood.

“I used to walk across the Fox River bridge from my south-side

neighborhood in Appleton to the downtown public library,” she said. “Sundays were frequently spent walleye fishing with my family in Lake Winnebago or nearby lakes.”

The installment provides an immersive experience with audio recordings of nature sounds and poetry readings.

Rosing’s vividly hued paintings also represent invisible processes in nature by using multiple layers of acrylic paint and scratching through them to create texture.

“I imagine what invisible things and processes might look like and how all these tiny things are

connected,” she said. “I play with these ideas ... to suggest hidden energies and the intricate relationships between even the most miniscule creatures and their roles within ecosystems.”

Alongside Belknap’s minimalist yet detailed commentary on our perspective of nature, Rosing’s vibrant representations create an exhibit that explores the complexities of the relationship between people and nature.

The exhibition is open for viewing through Nov. 3 at the Allen Priebe Gallery in the UW Oshkosh’s Arts and Communications Center.

# Terror on the Fox provides scares

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Scare actors at Terror on the Fox said they have been preparing for months while patrons said they anxiously anticipate the adrenaline rush of the haunted house atmosphere.

Terror on the Fox has been providing scares for the community annually for the past 26 years. Each season, the house’s theme changes to keep people coming back for more. This year, the Bloodrite, the story of a sadistic aristocrat and her blood ritual, Daywalker, the legend of an ancient vampire looking to quench his endless thirst, and a haunted train ride are the attractions available.

Annaka Schroetter, a second-year student at UW Oshkosh, says going to Terror on the Fox is one of her annual fall activities.

“I love to go with a group of friends and get an adrenaline rush. I am sort of a scaredy-cat so these are only fun once a year!” Schroetter said.

“My favorite part is the train ride because you have to sit there and take them, smelling your fear without running away. My adrenaline is the highest because my fight is kicking in when I can’t



Courtesy of Annaka Schroetter  
Terror on the Fox takes place every year up in Green Bay and provides a fun scare experience.

run,” Schroetter said. “They also do a great job telling a story I can follow!”

Terror on the Fox wouldn’t have become what it is without its scare actors. Genesis Liebhaber, a senior at Appleton West High School, re-

cently joined the crew.

“[I’ve] only worked there since the beginning of September,” Liebhaber explains. “I was hired and then for the first few weeks before we opened, there were orientations and acting lessons every weekend

to prep for opening.”

Liebhaber never enjoyed haunted houses before working in one.

“Before getting the job I had never even been to a haunted house before,” Liebhaber said. “The jump scare factor always ter-

rified me, but acting in the house is completely different.”

“My favorite part of my job is creating believable characters and getting to do what I love, acting,” Liebhaber said. “Also, the people who work in the haunted house may play terrifying monsters but when the masks are off they are some of the nicest people I have ever met.”

Though Schroetter and Liebhaber participate in Terror on the Fox differently, they share something in common. Both agree the Halloween season wouldn’t be complete without a haunted house.

“I would recommend [Terror on the Fox] for people just starting out going to haunted houses because it is a little light on the scares, it is a little more like a maze and something cool to look at too, it’s more of a show than screams,” Schroetter said.

“We put on a show and it’s quite a detailed and cool house to walk through,” Liebhaber said.

For anyone looking for an adrenaline rush and a good story, Terror on the Fox is the perfect place for this Halloween season. Terror on the Fox is located in Green Bay and will be running through Oct. 31.



# Questioning gender:

## *‘I realized I knew who I was’*

By Ivy Buchan  
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A thought struck me a few months ago: question your own gender before you question anyone else’s.

Upon further reflection, I don’t agree with myself; I don’t think you should ever question someone else’s gender, really.

But I think there’s a kernel of truth to my idea, because it emphasizes that questioning your own gender is a crucial step toward understanding gender at all.

Uncertainty is a discomfort often found when we interrogate our assumptions, and as such I cannot blame anyone for avoiding the question, “What is my gender, anyway?”

I certainly did for a long time, yet I think it is an important question to ask yourself.

Like many others, I began questioning my gender consciously during the lockdown of 2020. The process was frightening and disconcerting, but it allowed me some much-needed space to breathe, and two and a half years later, I am much happier for it.

One of the questions I have asked myself time and time again, even as I have grown surer of my gender, is “How do I know what my gender is?” If gender is an internal sense of self first and foremost, how do I know what it is?

The best answer I can give is that I just know it. Every bone in my body, fresh from earning degrees in English and philosophy, fresh from classes on semantics and logic, balks at this statement. It’s circular reasoning at best, begging the



Валя Беляев via Wikimedia Commons

Questioning your own gender can be a daunting experience, but it can also help you better understand gender as a whole.

question at worst. Nevertheless, I really do think that this is the crux of the matter. I spent months—years—trying to make a logical equation of the mess of gender. I wrote essays, bordering on theses, for no audience other than myself. I questioned my gender with the formulae of philosophers, trying to find some way to marry Anselm’s Ontological Argument to Descartes’ “I think therefore I am.” I got nowhere. And yet, I couldn’t shake my inner feelings. I knew my gender in-

timately, often secretly, but always completely. So how can this help you? It’s simple, really. Don’t do what I did. Don’t question your gender the hard way. Chances are, if you ask the question, the answer will present itself. It may be frightening or disconcerting or not what you want it to be, and it may even change over time (gender is fluid, after all). The beauty of it, the beauty I wish I’d known, is that you don’t need to come out of your questioning with a rational, logical

argument or a set of axioms and facts. It is enough to know. Once you know, sometimes arguments and facts will follow, but you don’t need them for gender. Gender is not a hard, data-driven science. It’s you, me and all of us. I’m not a woman because I want to be or because I have a host of memories from my childhood that corroborate my identity. I’m a woman because one day not too long ago I realized I knew who I was. I’m transgender. There’s a lot of shit going on around that. That

mess makes it difficult for people to consider their own gender with the openness it took me to come out as trans to myself and, later, to my friends, family and community. I also think that questioning your gender is a beautiful and liberating thing to do. The act of questioning your gender may be hard, but you can question it the easy way: ask yourself, “What is my gender, anyway?” Ivy Buchan is an administrative assistant in the UWO College of Business.

# Street parking: How hard can it be?

By William Brush  
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Over the past month, since I moved into my new house near the UW Oshkosh campus, I’ve noticed some unspeakably awful parking jobs along the street I live on.

Now, street parking isn’t exactly something I’d call a difficult undertaking.

Even so, many UWO students seem to have trouble performing one of the basic functions of someone who holds a driver’s license: you guessed it, street parking.

If you’re one of the unfortunate souls who has trouble with street parking, you needn’t worry.

I’ll take you through some advice on how to properly park on a street, and I’ll try not to ridicule you too much.

I can’t promise anything, though.

### Get closer to the curb

One of the main problems I’ve noticed while walking along the sidewalk on a car-infested street is the sheer amount of cars that are too far away from the curb.

It’s almost frightening how many cars I see that are over a foot



Kelly Hueckman / Advance-Titan

Parking close to the curb, not wasting space and not blocking driveways can minimize parking and driving troubles.

away from the curb; at that point, you might as well park in the middle of the street and call it a day.

Parking close to the curb is needed, especially on streets that allow parking on both sides, because it allows vehicles driving through a street to maneuver efficiently and safely.

When unsure whether you’ve parked close enough to the curb, simply get out and check.

I know this might seem like a foreign concept for many UWO students, but if you’re too far away from the curb, get back in your car

and try to get closer. Ludicrous, I know.

### Bunch up and pull forward

When I’m trying to find a parking spot on a street, what absolutely infuriates me is when I come across a vehicle parked along a slice of curb between two driveways that can clearly fit two cars, but someone has chosen to park right in the middle.

When a driver does this, they leave a bit of space in front and behind their car, but the space isn’t enough to fit a vehicle on either

side, effectively taking two parking spots with one car.

It’s indescribably frustrating to be on the hunt for a parking spot, only to find some half-wit has parked like a child who isn’t old enough to drive yet.

This action by the supposed child succinctly shows that they are inconsiderate, careless, incapable, incompetent, lazy and undeserving of a motor vehicle.

It’s unequivocally reprehensible behavior, and under my regime, it would be punishable by three months in a state penitentiary.

So please, pull as far forward as you possibly can so that fellow motorists can have the opportunity to park along the street just like you have.

### Don’t block a driveway

This is another tip that seems self-evident, but nevertheless, I’ve seen many UWO students park along a crowded street that clearly can’t fit any more cars, but park anyway.

This usually involves finding a spot that is too small for their car, so it sticks out beyond the length of the curb and partially blocks someone’s driveway.

It might seem hard to believe,

but blocking someone’s driveway with a car, even only partially, can trouble the resident of that house if they’re trying to pull out of their driveway.

Now, perhaps you don’t care about inconveniencing other people; based on my observations of near campus street parking, some of you definitely don’t.

What might interest you is that partially blocking someone’s driveway with your car could potentially be illegal, according to Wisconsin Statutes 346.52 and 346.53.

So, save yourself from some potential legal trouble and pretend that you’re a considerate human being by not blocking a driveway when you street park.

When all is said and done, UWO students merely need to be more attentive and concerned with others when parking on a street, and not lackadaisically park on a street and leave it at that.

If everyone would purely remember the golden rule when parking, an annoyed and admittedly somewhat snarky columnist wouldn’t feel obligated to write about it in the campus newspaper.



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