Let’s talk rape: Why we are celebrating Denim Day 2014 on campus

by Jordan Galeles

Nobody wants to talk about rape. That’s why I’m organizing Central Wisconsin’s Denim Day at UW-Marshfield/Wood County on April 23, during sexual assault awareness month. By raising awareness, I believe the community will become more supportive of victims, making it easier for them to speak out and seek help. For many victims, experiencing sexual assault can cause an overwhelming sense of shame that can keep them from seeking help. I want to empower victims by giving them a voice. April 23 is Denim Day, where individuals wear jeans in support of victims. According to denimdayusa.org, the event originated in Italy in the 1990s. An 18-year-old rape victim pressed charges and the perpetrator was convicted and sentenced to jail. When the perpetrator appealed his case, it went to the Italian Supreme Court and he was released.

The Supreme Court Chief Judge stated, “Because the victim wore very, very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them, and by removing the jeans it was no longer rape but consensual sex.” The women in Italian parliament protested the verdict by wearing jeans to work. This spread internationally and the first Denim Day was born. I’m taking a different approach to Denim Day. April 1-21, I’m collecting donated jeans at UW-Marshfield/Wood County. All sizes and types of jeans will be accepted as a symbol that all sizes, ages and types of people can be victims of sexual assault. Over the noon hour on April 23, the jeans will be available in the UW-M/WC crossroads for individuals to write messages of strength and hope on the jeans, or a signature to support victims.

That night in the commons, the focus of Central Wisconsin’s Denim Day, presentations, resources, refreshments and another opportunity to decorate jeans will be provided. I hope to see community members from all over Wood County there supporting victims of sexual assault. After April 23, all the denim will be displayed on campus and community locations to raise awareness of sexual assault and the effect it can have on victims. Take a stand with Central Wisconsin’s Denim Day. Anyone interested in volunteering, displaying resources at the event, hosting a donation box at a business, or receiving more information, email Jordan Galeles at GALEJ7748@students.uwc.edu.

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Choose your weapon wisely
by Eric Ratsch

Having competed in a fishing tournament recently, I felt adequately equipped to fish for bass in a number of different situations. However, at the tournament, I witnessed anglers with eight, ten, even 12 poles. Hell, one guy even had 16 all rigged up and ready to go. It was then I drew the line. I mean, ten rods for one person is just too much.

For all the bass anglers out there who are looking at getting serious about fishing in tournaments, listen up. I will explain the basics about rods that cover 98% of bass fishing situations.

First, I recommend a 5’6” lightweight to medium-lightweight spinning rod. This covers open-water jig fishing, lightweight plastic swimbaits, drop shots. I’ve even used mine for dock flipping.

The second rod I recommend is a 6’6” medium-weight bait casting rod. This will throw some of my personal favorite baits, top waters. These are going to be surface poppers, walking baits, anything that stays at the surface of the water.

After that, I recommend three 6’6” to 7’ medium-heavyweight bait casting rods. These cover crankbaits, jerkbaits, spinnerbaits, soft plastics and buzzbaits. If someone is willing to spend the money, there are several rods out there specifically designed for crankbaits. I have used them, but I feel a cranking specific rod isn’t necessary.

Last, I recommend a 7’ to 7’7” baitcasting heavyweight rod. This is a frog or toad rod. This heavy of a rod is necessary because they will get thrown in lily pads, duck weed, moss, anything that puts a roof over the fish’s head. These things snag, tangle and put some serious strain on the gear.

If I was forced to choose one rod, I would take a 6’6” medium-heavy simply because it’s a great all-around rod choice. However, first time anglers should use a 5’6” light to medium-light spinning because a spinning rod with a spinning reel makes it easier to practice the basics of fishing. Now it is time to hang up the “gone fishing” sign.

Reviving Everly Brothers’ music
by Jordan Galeles

Who would have thought Green Day’s lead singer Billie Joe Armstrong would do a country album? Armstrong and blues singer Norah Jones collaborated on the album Foreverly as a tribute to the Everly Brothers by covering their album Songs Our Daddy Taught Us.

Released in November 2013, this cover album is filled with all the folk twang and sweet harmony of Songs Our Daddy Taught Us, but with Armstrong and Jones’s own vocal rendition.

Armstrong said in an interview with Warner Brothers Records, “A couple years ago I got the record Songs Our Daddy Taught Us… and I fell in love with it. I ended up listening to it every day and I thought it would be cool to just cover the whole record.”

Armstrong said he wanted to cover it with a woman because he felt the songs could take on a more broad meaning, and the first person that came to mind was Jones.

Many listeners prefer the second song on the Foreverly album, “Long Time Gone,” over the other songs, even Jones. She said, “It’s probably my favorite song on the record and my favorite harmony on the record… [When Armstrong asked me to do it] that’s the song that made me say, “Alright, I’m doing this. I want to sing that harmony.”

The third song on the album, “Silver Haired Daddy of Mine,” is also a favored track by many listeners. Jones said, “That one was really fun to record. This is a pretty mellow album. [“Silver Haired Daddy of Mine”] gave us the chance to cook it up a little.”

Primarily faithful to the original album, Armstrong said the way the songs were recorded sounds really pure. He said, “There was no six-month hype-machine. We just made the record and now we’re putting it out. It just doesn’t get more pure than that.”
Recognizing greatness

Neumann said that receiving the Kaplan Award is, by far, the highlight of her professional life. She said, “I work with a phenomenal group of people and I thank them for creating an environment that supports me so completely.” Former Chancellor Ray Cross recognized Neumann for this award because of her commitment to academic excellence, for caring deeply for students and colleagues and holding students to high but attainable standards. Cross also noted that Neumann serves on campus in many ways such as CAB chair, Summer Interim chair, and member of the campus evaluation committee.

Dr. Sandra Neumann, UW-Marshfield/Wood County associate professor of psychology, received the Arthur M. Kaplan award for the 2013-2014 academic year.

The award recognizes outstanding contributions made to education by UW Colleges faculty and academic staff. It pays tribute to the late Provost and Vice Chancellor Emeritus Arthur M. Kaplan and the spirit he brought to enhance education in the UW System.

Celebrate good times

UW-Marshfield/Wood County has a lot to celebrate after this basketball season. The women’s basketball season ended at state semifinals after losing 63-55 against UW-Rock County. The men’s basketball season ended with an overtime loss of 106-109 against UW-Richland.

The western division of the Wisconsin Collegiate Conference (WCC) honored team members for men and women’s basketball based on being the best player for his or her position in the conference. Maia Rauder McKenzie Trunkel won first team, Corina Craig made second team and Rayna Herdrich received honorable mention. Zach Zetter won second team.

UW-M/WC athletic director and women’s basketball coach Brent Ystad was chosen as coach of the year along with head coach Scott Lee of UW-Rock County. (K.S.)

Empty bowls now filled

Marshfield’s third annual Empty Bowls, a benefit for Soup or Socks, was held March 9 at UW-Marshfield/Wood County. The international project supports local food banks, soup kitchens and other organizations working to decrease hunger each year.

Professional potters, community members and students help to create bowls for the event. This year, over 20 restaurants donated soup for a total of 26 different kinds of soups. Many businesses throughout the community donated raffle prizes as well. (J.G.)

Shelter without walls

by Kaylin Speth

Even without walls, Marshfield Area Pet Shelter manages to help dozens of stray animals each year. Founded in 2011, the shelter does not yet have a building and has to rely on foster homes to house some strays.

Through Share the Care program, other pets are transported from local animal control facilities to Clark County Humane Society (CCHS) or South Wood County Humane Society (SWCHS). MAPS pays $50 per cat to CCHS and $75 per dog to SWCHS. This ensures that before the pets are adopted, they are vaccinated, fixed and microchipped, which ensures that a lost pet will be returned to its owner.

MAPS also provides other services. The pet shelter hosts a microchip clinic at the Marshfield Mall across from Furniture and Appliance Mart. The cost is $15 per microchip.

Donations towards pet care and future shelter construction can be given online and there are also sign-up sheets for volunteers interested in transporting or fostering pets. Additional information about the shelter, including dates and times of microchip clinics, can be found on marshfieldpetshelter.org.

SAAM: Not just a name

submitted by DaNita Carlson, Wisconsin Rapids Family Center Executive Director

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). This month is meant to raise awareness, motivate individuals to work toward ending sexual violence and support survivors of sexual assault. SAAM was first observed nationally in April 2001 and has grown due to the high number of individuals affected by sexual assault.

The Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault states that one in three women and one in six men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime.

In honor of SAAM, the Wisconsin Rapids Family Center will be raising awareness throughout the month of April. Family Center staff will be handing out teal puzzle piece pins throughout the month at participating Wisconsin Rapids locations. By wearing a pin, people can spread the word about SAAM and become a piece of the solution.

Denim Day is a symbolic gesture to spread awareness and put an end to sexual violence. An Italian court overturned a rape conviction since the court did not believe the rapist could have gotten the victim’s jeans off without the help of the victim, therefore making it consensual.

As outrageous as this is, people all over the world suffer this type of injustice on a daily basis. People can participate locally by attending the Denim Day event at UW-M/WC on Wednesday, April 23, or by simply wearing denim to work to help spread awareness and put an end to sexual violence.

For more information on SAAM, or services offered to victims, call the Family Center at 715-421-1511. For more information about the Denim Day event at UW-M/WC, email Jordan Galeles at GALEJ7748@students.uwc.edu.

Mark Your Calendars!

April 7 – May 20: Student Exhibition Gallery 450
April 10-13: Agatha Christie’s "And Then There Were None"
Campus Community Players
Spring Production
April 15: National Library Day
April 16: Save the Elephant Day
April 19: Record Store Day
April 20: Easter
April 22: Earth Day (plant a tree)
April 23: Denim Day
April 25: Symphonic Band presents: "Ghost Trains and Hobbits"
April 25: World Penguin Day
Ask Eric and Jay-R: Advice for the unwary

Eric Ratsch and Jay-R Slater are both UW-Marshfield/Wood County students. They are offering to solve the world’s problems through this advice column, despite the fact that neither of them have any experience or qualifications.

My English class is driving me crazy. What should I do?
J: Stop letting it drive. Take the wheel, turn the car around and go down “sane” boulevard.
E: Move to Mexico, no hablo ingles.

What difference does it make if I don’t wear pants to class?
J: If you’re going commando, it makes an entire moon of difference.
E: In my opinion, not even an ounce of difference.

I can’t afford college anymore. What do I do?
J: Even that burger joint that you go to every day to save money gives out scholarships. If you can’t find a scholarship, you’re not trying.
E: Buy as many scratch-offs as possible and hope to come out ahead.

Why do we have to read so much in college?
J: Someone has to do it, I know some professors don’t even touch the book.
E: I’d answer this, but you’ll just whine about having to read the answer.

How often should I check my student email?
J: Hopefully not as much as some of you check Facebook or Twitter. You would get very disappointed with your lack of mail.
E: In between checking Facebook and watching videos on YouTube.

Where’s the best place to study on campus?
J: I would recommend making a chair out of what snow we have left and start studying away.
E: The place where you feel the smartest.

College students have fun, too: What student seg fees help pay for

Let loose and support Student Senate at the same during the annual Spring Picnic on April 17. From 10 am-2 pm, elections will be held for Student Senate for the 2014-2015 school year. During the event, students can snack at the taco and nacho bar or play a game of laser tag. Students can also play Guitar Hero or test their mettle on a bouncy bull, which is similar to a mechanical bull.

Student segregated fees, a portion of tuition, cover the cost of both the Spring Picnic and Finals Frenzy on May 8. Finals Frenzy will take place from 10 am to 1:30 pm in and outside the lower commons. Students can take a break from test stress by participating in yard and board games or by eating cotton candy and other snacks provided by Student Activities. (K.S.)

Posters in the Rotunda

Opportunities for students to present original research at the undergraduate level come few and far between. Posters in the Rotunda is one such opportunity, where select UW System undergraduate research is recommended by instructors for consideration and then, if accepted, displayed in the Capitol Rotunda.

The 11th annual Posters in the Rotunda event took place March 12 and showcased about 150 UW System students including three from UW-Marshfield/Wood County: Dylan Kieffer, Matthew Rehlinger and April Teche.

Kieffer presented his research, “Road Salt in Wisconsin: Elimination, Moderation or Augmentation.”
Rehlinger presented his research, “Industrialization and the Environment in China.” Teche presented her research, “Fracking Sand.”

Teche said, “Participating was an amazing honor. The event really showcased amazing students that are part of the UW System.” (J.G.)