Tales of building a maurader: how the pirate came to campus
by Kayleigh Mengel

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by Mitchell Biesen

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Play for Pink a success: fundraiser exceeds goal
by Molly Schecklman

On Oct. 7, the Marshfield community joined together to support a cause that is close to many people’s hearts — breast cancer research, support and awareness. Three years ago, Brittany Lueth, Interim Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and head volleyball coach, started Play for Pink to benefit breast cancer research.

The UW-Marshfield/Wood County volleyball team has participated in this fundraiser ever since. Play for Pink allows the volleyball team to sell pink ribbons for the cause. Lueth says, “I wanted the teams to give back to the community through a sport they feel passionate about and enjoy playing.”

Last year’s event raised over $400. The team surpassed this year’s goal of $500 and raised $638. Lueth says that the team was very proud to present the check to the Marshfield Clinic. The proceeds go to The Angel Fund, which helps people who cannot afford mammograms, and Living with Hope, which supports women and families from diagnosis through treatment and remission.

Lueth says, “We invite our local high school volleyball teams to join us as a way to promote continued participation in athletic events and demonstrate the importance of helping others. It’s been a true passion of mine to help others and engage our athletes in our community.” This year the Marauders were joined by their opponents for the match, UW-Baraboo/Sauk County, as well as the Spencer volleyball program.

LJ’s Finest for the win
by Amy Greenwald and Jordan Galeles

This year’s winning intramural football team was LJ’s Finest, with a record of 4-1-1. LJ’s Finest are featured in the photo left to right: Alec Larson, Bowdie Krall, Tim Budtke, Mack Scheppler, Quinn Schuster, Coach Joey Mundt, Eric Ratsch, Olin Boson and Zack Tibble. Missing from the photo are Jorge Ramirez, Ross Zillman, Brandon Baltus and Melinda Gindt. The other teams’ records are: Marauder Power (4-1-0), Johnny Football (3-2-1) and Hood Rats (0-6-0).
**Bubbling creativity: visual art and poetry combined**

by Kaylin Speth

Images of family and romance reflect in the bubbles of Judy Zoelzer Levine’s quilt, “True Love Never Fades” in the library. This intriguing piece is part of the traveling art exhibit, “Threaded Metaphors,” the artwork of six poets and five fiber artists from Wisconsin. Fiber art is any artwork made with thread.

All of the artwork was based off of the theme “bubbles,” which was picked out of 30 other theme ideas. Each artist was inspired by bubbles in vastly different ways. Various interpretations included the housing bubble, opera singer Beverly “Bubbles” Sills and blowing bubbles. The mood also varied on each piece. CJ Muchhala chose to be humorous in her poem “Perseus’ Plaint.” Drawing inspiration from the boiling pot of spaghetti featured in Marla Morris Kennedy’s quilt, she writes “Medusa, if only Athena had given you flowing locks of linguini, or a short rotini bob!”

Some interpretations were more serious. In her colorful quilt, “United by Invisible Hands of Love,” Kathleen Hughes created the shape of a pregnant belly to represent the love between Beverly “Bubbles” Sills and her unborn, deaf child. Only later did she realize that the belly looked similar to a cochlea, the part of the ear that is necessary to hear.

The women of “Threaded Metaphors” initially came together in 2003 and set up their first art exhibit in 2005. For their current display, the group met in November 2011 to pick their theme. The artists then regrouped in June 2012 to do a blind exchange: the poetry concealed in plain manila envelopes for the quilters, the fiber art in unmarked packages for the poets. Drawing inspiration from these new pieces, the women created fresh pieces of art to display.

They enjoy having the chance to display their artwork and hear how the public interprets the pieces. The group says, “We have found that our audiences often view these works from the framework of their own lives and develop wonderful insights, including some we hadn’t been aware of.”

**Freshmen in power**

by Jordann Flewellen

Accomplishing change is no easy task, but the student senate can help. J.B. Hernandez, president of student senate, says, “By voting in first year executives that [students] feel best represent them, it allows us, the student senate, to better take into consideration the interests of the student body.”

Free pizza was given out at the Fall Picnic on Oct. 8 to students and staff who voted for freshman executive student senate. The elected candidates who will primarily handle freshman affairs are Mikayla Jankowski, Ian Gaertner, and Tiffany Stargardt.

Hernandez says, “We highly encourage students to attend our open meetings, so we can do justice to our responsibilities to the student body.” Anyone with concerns is urged to express them to student senate. The best way to contact the senate is either by email or attending open senate meetings which are announced over email.
Pokémon X and Y: new adventures with old ideas

by Amy Greenwald and David Carey

A new Pokémon game is like the start of a new school year, except it’s something people actually look forward to. The worldwide release of Pokémon X and Pokémon Y for the Nintendo 3DS are no exception.

Available since Oct. 12, X and Y, with slight variations between the two, brought a fresh take on the 15-year-old story of conquering eight gyms and the elite four, all while putting a stop to the notorious evil team.

People might think playing this story for the past 20 games would get old. Surprisingly that is not the case. Every generation brings new gyms and trainers to battle even if it’s in the same old set-up. If it’s not broken don’t fix it.

In X and Y, players make their way through the region of Kalos discovering brand new Pokémon. A player’s journey is still difficult, like no one ever was.

Players are challenged by the fabulous and flaming Team Flare who obstruct the player’s path, claiming that evil is “stylish.” “Stylish” is incorporated throughout the game.

For example, certain areas are closed off until a player becomes “stylish” enough which usually involves exploring more of the game. While the idea behind this is alright, it is more annoying than anything to try to become “stylish” enough.

Players are also thrown for a loop by the addition of a new type of Pokémon, a fairy type, something that has not happened in 13 years. Pokémon types categorize different Pokémon in elements such as fire or water. These types make a difference in battle (e.g. water is effective against fire).

The addition of a new type unbalances type match-ups and makes battles unclear. However, this new type does have its advantages. It challenges the once thought unbeatable dragon type Pokémon that haunt the nightmares of every player out there. So now, cute little fairies defeat giant scary dragons.

Along with a new type, X and Y bring new battle dynamics. Mega-Evolutions, a new battle form certain Pokémon can evolve into that will temporarily change a Pokémon’s type or ability, were added, as well as two new battle styles: swarm and flying battles.

Swarm battles are encountered at random through the wild or by using certain moves or items to trigger them. Instead of fighting Pokémon one-on-one, one of the players’ Pokémon must battle five wild Pokémon at once adding an interesting element to battles.

Flying battles are battles between trainers that can only be participated in by flying or levitating Pokémon and can only take place over wide open spaces.

This game also focuses on a player’s journey with their friends, rather than a solo adventure like every other game. Each of the player’s friends has a different goal in the Pokémon world. This is the first game that shows the versatility of goals in the Pokémon world. One of the player’s friends has a goal of dancing and learning moves from his Pokémon which is a dream completely unheard of in any other game.

X and Y place their story and innovations in a nice package of smooth game play and beautiful graphics. The rate of game play went through the roof. In most Pokémon games, a player must start out walking at a painfully slow speed and then get running shoes and eventually a bike.

In X and Y, players start out with the ability to walk or run, both of which have been accelerated. Soon after, the player is handed roller skates, a nifty new invention that almost eliminates the need for a bike. However, the roller skates aren’t the best as they are incredibly touchy and can’t be turned off unless the player uses the D-pad instead of the circle pad.

Upgraded graphics also allowed for the addition of little things such as bending down to talk to preschoolers or pick up items. Battle animations look more realistic and feel more intense.

But by far the best innovation in Pokémon X and Y is the ability to sit on benches and walk diagonally. Since the first Pokémon games came out, benches and chairs taunted players and mocked their inability to sit. But no more because players now have more freedom as they are not restricted to grid-pattern movement.

The games not only introduce new elements, but connect with players on another level. Players have the option of customizing their character by changing their clothes, hair and skin color. X and Y do not stop there, they allow players to not only name themselves, but also choose a nickname their friends call them. This connection goes above and beyond humans and exists with a player’s Pokémon as well. Pokémon-Amie, a mini-game-like addition, allows players to build bonds with their Pokémon by feeding, petting and playing with them.

Even with all the new features, X and Y bring a nostalgia factor as they connect to Kanto, the first region in Pokémon games. Players receive a starter Pokémon at the beginning of the game, like always, but later receive a second one being Bulbasaur, Charmander or Squirtle, the three original starters.

Even Mewtwo, the legendary Pokémon from the first games, returns. This puts players who are unsure about the changes at ease as Nintendo has not forgotten where Pokémon has come from and knows where it’s going.
Make a Difference Day is usually celebrated by participating in charitable works such as food drives or raking leaves for the elderly. This year, Marshfield Area United Way and student and staff volunteers went to homes of elderly and raked leaves. Participants met at 8:30 am on Oct. 26 at the Marshfield Senior Center and worked until noon.

Walk for a cause

On Oct. 25, a walk organized by the Marshfield Personal Development Center (PDC) was led from City Hall to Wesley United Church to increase domestic violence awareness. Students, staff and other Marshfield residents participated in the walk, carrying purple cutout ribbons and streamers to identify the cause.

“One in three women experience domestic violence in their lifetime,” says Rita Smith, executive director of the National Coalition against Domestic Violence. However, it is not exclusively women who are domestically abused. According to NCADV, domestic abuse is defined as a “pattern of behavior used to establish power and control over another person with whom an intimate relationship is or has been shared through fear and intimidation, often including the threat or use of violence.” Domestic abuse can happen to anyone, anywhere.

If someone is in need of immediate assistance they should call 9-1-1. Those looking for a safe exit or assistance with advocacy or legal issues can contact the PDC by calling (715)-384-2971. The National Domestic Violence Hotline can be contacted by calling 1-800-799-7233.

Camel in the crossroads

With Charles the camel in the crossroads, the urge to yell, “Hump Day” must have been overwhelming. The United Way has been in the Crossroads since October and will be there each Wednesday through late November selling coffee and snacks.

The proceeds go to donating books to promote childhood literacy, mentoring youth and supplying school supplies for those who can’t afford them. 8,581 people in Marshfield have been helped by the United Way this year so far. A root beer float sale on Nov.14 will be in the learning center.

Take a breather

College can be a frustrating grind, which made Oct. 10, National Frustration Day (NFD), a fitting day to celebrate. NFD was celebrated at the Wood by Engaging Students in the First Year (ESFY), which helps involve students in different events on campus. To help students and professors manage their frustration more effectively, free back massages were provided as well as beneficial stress management tips.

The first tip emphasizes relaxing the body. Students can do this by exercising, getting massages and getting a good night’s rest. Other things to help would be essential elements or aroma therapy.

The second most important tip is expressing gratitude. Calling or writing a thank you note to someone is proven to elevate happiness.

Next, relieve stress and muscle tension. Making a positive playlist will help because music is proven to affect one’s mood. Some examples are “Firework” by Katy Perry or “What a Wonderful World” by Nat King Cole and Iz. Another tip is breathing deeply.

Learn some techniques, such as yoga. Additionally, helping others combats depression and boosts self-esteem, which makes volunteering a great idea.

Finally, play. Blowing bubbles, flying a kite, playing with playdough, jumping rope and singing are just a few examples of healthy play. Playing helps distract the mind and allow one to relax.

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Superheroes galore: the great Marvel and DC debate

by Brian Greenwald and Jordan Galeles

Marvel and DC fans have been arguing for decades. Let’s put this age-old argument to rest by examining it from a modern perspective. It is important to distinguish between what these iconic companies have become and what they were in the past.

Previous arguments have included consistency in timeline and relativism to characters. Today, the transition from comic book to big screen is the primary focus.

Ultimately, today’s argument focuses on how well each has made that transition. Not everyone is going to enjoy Marvel, and not everyone is going to enjoy DC. That’s just a fact. They can’t please everybody. However, we will review both for the benefit of all.

Brian: I’m not a big comic guy, but I do like the change DC is using. They take comic elements, and very fictional ideas, and bring it to a human level. Marvel is unquestionably doing very well in the box office, and making great movies (with some exceptions, such as Iron Man 2 and Iron Man 3, which a majority seemed to dislike). Although I feel they’re movies I can see once, and do without seeing again. DC is behind them in this area, but are making up for this with TV shows.

“Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.” might be tapping into some more of the human elements, but it’s such a mediocre TV show, especially by Joss Whedon (“Buffy the Vampire Slayer,” “Firefly”) standards. Marvel works on a very comic book level. They adapt comics to the big screen. DC isn’t doing that, they’re changing things and making dramas.

While Marvel is doing more with their movies at the moment, DC is doing more on television. To say nothing of the animated works (both companies having put out rather bad shows of late), DC has “Arrow,” an upcoming Flash spinoff (unrelated to the upcoming Flash movie), a Constantine-based series, and “Gotham PD” (police procedural following young Gordon, without having use of Batman himself). There is also talk of a Wonder Woman TV series called “Amazon,” pushing DC into an area Marvel hasn’t gone yet — a female-centric movie series.

Assuming that DC’s TV shows work into their larger universe, which continues to grow, I think they’re in a very good position in the upcoming years and could easily come to rival Marvel’s universe. DC is going for another route entirely toward a darker, more human-based setting and that’s what makes me favor their approach.

Jordan: Marvel has taken a different approach when shifting to the movie screen from comics, such as fantastical events and deus ex machina resolutions. I highly appreciate both companies in that each satiates my fan-girl cravings, though I have a bias towards Marvel, as it usually surpasses my expectations.

Regarding the Iron Man Series, I the only reason to continue watching was the humor and sarcasm from Robert Downey Jr. Otherwise, it was pretty pathetic. However, my favorite Marvel movie and character contradicts this. It’s important to distinguish between movies made prior to Disney buying Marvel and after. Captain America: The First Avenger was the last movie Marvel made before the Disney machine took over. For better or worse, there is a slight shift after this, not only in popularity, but also in quality.

Disney has pumped up seven to ten movies a year on average in the past decade, which makes me think some films aren’t going to get the quality or attention they deserve. On one hand, this could account for the later Iron Man movies being such flops. On the other, creating a second and third movie was just a bad idea. Introducing a TV show might have been in Marvel’s mind prior to Disney’s takeover, but I doubt it.

America: The First Avenger was a win-win-win. “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.” is what they had in mind. However, I do look forward to the idea of Marvel’s characters in TV shows. Having a series of shows presents an opportunity to additionally develop minor characters. This means the major characters can get their screen time in the movies, the minor characters can have their fun in the shows and we fans can (hopefully) enjoy both. It’s a win-win-win.

Overall, best of luck to Marvel under Disney. I still root for them and hope Disney enhances Marvel, rather than ruins it.

Kandy land comes to Marshfield: satisfaction for any sweet tooth

by Kayleigh Mengel

What could be better than being surrounded by candy all day long? Sheryl Young accomplished this dream by opening up a candy store. “It’s fun doing this and seeing people’s faces. I love getting compliments whether it’s about the floor or the candy selection,” says Young.

She grew up in Illinois and would go to a neighbor’s candy store after school. She knew the owner very well and was inspired by her.

Now, 20 years later, Young has her own store on 401 South Central Ave., which opened on Valentine’s Day of this year.

Kandy Girl has all kinds of sweets ranging from sugar-free candy to chocolate covered bugs. They carry imported sweets, retro and novelty candies, unusual flavored sodas and much more. Prices range from ten cents to $20.

Young says, when there is a large group of kids in the store, she sometimes challenges them to eat a whole seasoned cricket or worm to get a free chocolate coin. She enjoys seeing their reactions.
Mounting the fitness horse: inspiration to live healthier
by Zoe Benjamin

There seems to be so much pressure to live a healthy lifestyle. High expectations to stay fit can be discouraging to anyone who isn’t feeling the health bug. Believe it or not, while starting a healthy lifestyle is difficult, it is not impossible.

The first step is to look at healthy eating and working out daily. If these activities are too daunting, it’s better to think of them as just another part of a daily routine, like brushing one’s teeth.

Changing up a workout routine every day, also called muscle confusion, keeps the body guessing. When the body isn’t used to a routine, the results will be better.

Finding a workout partner can help get a person motivated to start working out. It’s easier to keep up with a routine if people work out with one or more partners. Seeing someone work hard to reach a goal helps people to stay motivated and may even spark that competitive nature within. There’s nothing better than knowing that everyone pushed as hard as they possibly could to get through a difficult workout.

A healthy diet may be the most important aspect of staying fit. It is better to eat multiple small meals in the day in order to speed up metabolism. People should refer to the food pyramid to get a good reference of how much protein, carbohydrates, vegetables, fruits, etc. they should consume daily. Instead of heading to the nearest fast food restaurant, people should choose a home-cooked meal; this way, they are more aware of what they are taking in.

Students on campus looking to get fit should pay a visit to Brent Ystad, Fitness Center/Women’s Basketball Coach. Ystad is an ideal resource to help students create a substantial fitness routine. His office is located in room 504.

If students don’t want to get free workouts on campus, the YMCA has a multitude of fitness classes available. Classes are, on average, $3 for members and $5 for guests. When people pay for services, they are more likely to participate regularly. The Y offers college students a $10 joining fee, and a monthly payment of $31.80. Go to the local YMCA’s website for more information.

Don’t fear the Freshman 15, defeat it instead
by Carissa Haffenbredl

Some students are concerned about the “big 15,” sometimes known as the “Freshman 15.” Those nagging pounds that creep up on unsuspecting students in their first year of college. There are several factors that might contribute to unwanted weight gain.

The primary causes include late-night snacking, unhealthy food choices and alcohol consumption. Another contributing factor may be the fat and carbohydrate rich cafeteria-style food and fast food that students consume. Though these options might provide temporary energy, they aren’t the best option. There are several alternative healthy options at the Campus Café, such as celery with peanut butter, carrots with ranch, apple slices with caramel and a salad bar.

Other options students have in a pinch are fruit or vegetables from the grocery store or gas station. Furthermore, students could also make things at home such as banana bread or trail mix.

Something students can do to regulate the problem is watch their college meal plan, where they eat, diet, nutrition, unhealthy foods along with alcohol and stress. To prevent the “Freshman 15” stu-
Horoscopes
by Amy Greenwald and Jordan Galeles

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)
Keep your chin up and persevere. Though times are difficult now, there’s a rainbow at the end of every storm. Your rainbow is about to shine. Look out for the color mauve, it will bring you down.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)
That test score you just got? Yeah, things are about to get worse. You know what they say about ladders, they have no real answers.

Gemini (May 22-June 21)
Be careful around the people you trust. Someone is going to make life hard for you. It may or may not be the person you rely on the most.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Keep that spring in your step because life is looking up. Your workload will decrease soon. Looks like you can have your cake and eat it, too.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 21)
Throw caution to the wind, but not too much. If you dare, take a vacation. Things are at a middle ground for you right now.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept. 23)
It’s time to make that decision. Whatever you choose, it’s the right thing, but keep in mind all choices have their consequences.

Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)
People are causing you trouble and they won’t let up any time soon. Try not to wear the color white, it will cause mayhem.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Take the leap. Be open and have fun with life. Having faith is good for you right now. Listen to your significant other because they’re right.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)
No need to worry anymore, everything is about to fall into place. All you have to do is sit back and smile.

Capricorn (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)
Look out for yourself for a while. Keep that person at arm’s length.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Things are at a standstill. Get in contact with that old friend. You will be glad you did.

Pisces (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)
This is an important time in your life. Achieve your goals with confidence and don’t let anything stand in your way.