Flashback edition: Celebrating 50 bright years of the Wood

by Kaylin Speth

Campus Slate October 1966: Campus enjoys short skirts

The Slate received a tremendous amount of answers to our stand on short skirts. It appears that most of the campus students who bothered to answer our poll don’t “hate” short skirts, particularly if the wearer has the shape and legs to do them justice (it seems a lot of boys answered). Some of the more interesting comments:

“I don’t like short skirts worn with long slips!”

“They help the days go faster.”

“I think skirts should extend fully to the ankles and in no instance should rise above the middle of the ankle. This, if it were the case, would keep the world free from sin.”

“Short skirts are patriotic. There is a shortage of material due to the war. As I see it, that is the only good result of the war.”

“It’s a free country!”

“Personally, I don’t like to wear short skirts, but short skirts look real nice when others wear them (especially girls). Signed, Boy.”

“I hate short skirts if the legs are ugly. There are boys who shouldn’t wear Bermudas because of their knobby knees. Some girls should wear short skirts all the time. TO EACH HIS OWN.”

“I think short skirts are ok to a certain point. If a girl has pretty knees, why not show them off? I don’t think they should be more than two inches above the knees. There is really nothing wrong unless they sit down.”

Look into the past: Pieces of Egypt

UW-Marshfield/Wood County now has a piece of Egypt. Four paintings from the country adorn the hallway across the hall from the Hamilton Roddis Memorial Library, permanent gifts from Russell and Patricia Stauber of Marshfield. They acquired the artwork during a trip to Giza, Egypt in May 2011. The paintings are different than those typically found in an art class. First off, the canvas is made of papyrus. Second, the figures in the artwork are painted in the traditional Egyptian style and represent various themes. One painting shows a battle scene. A man rides on a chariot and strings a bow and arrow while a pile of people lie underneath the horse, apparent casualties of the battle. The other two paintings depict death and afterlife, dating and marriage.

It may be difficult to recognize these themes because there is so much going on in each painting. The smallest painting is the easiest to decipher as it is simply a hieroglyphic alphabet surrounding an image of King Tutankhamun. (K.S.)
Lures of choice: Weapons of bass destruction

by Eric Ratsch

Like many anglers, I have my favorite bass lures. Actually, I have a lot of them. Why so many? Here’s a little secret; no single lure will work in all conditions. Here are my seven go-to bass lures for any situation.

One of my personal favorites is the topwater lure, Rapala Skitter Pop. As its name suggests, the Skitter Pop is designed to splash the surface of the water to attract fish. Whether using a walk-the-dog technique or twitching it on the surface, this lure produces fish in a variety of situations. I’ve had fish chase this lure and hit it within feet of the boat. Action like that makes for an exciting day on the water.

On the reaction bite days, I reach for my jerkbait, the Xcaliber Eeratic Shad. I admit I bought this lure purely because my favorite pro angler, Edwin Evers, designed it. Thankfully, the Eeratic Shad is popular in the area, so it wasn’t a hard decision to use it. I’ve had a lot of success with this lure.

Another great lure to cover water and locate fish is the spinnerbait. Since its appearance in the fishing world in 1951, every brand of spinnerbait is similar, but I’d rather use a Strike King KVD Squarebill Silent Crankbait. I have caught almost all my crankbait catches with this lure.

When I was deciding where to go to college while living in Fort Drum, NY, I had my heart set on UW-Marshfield/Wood County. While it may not be a lot of students. Specifically those who live hours away from the Wood County. While it may not be for everyone, I support The Villas as a bass angler on.

In summer, the majority of bass are caught on soft plastics. There are countless soft plastic lures to choose from, ranging from worms to stuff that looks like it’s from a different planet. I use a Texas rig paired with a 4 inch Yum Dinger Worm in bubblegum lemon swirl, a 2/0 offset wide gap hook and the lightest sinker that can work. I have had my best luck with bubblegum lemon swirl color. The wide gap hook allows for easier hook sets. I use the lightest sinker I can since as a finesse fishing technique, the fish needs to take the worm before the hook is set. The sinker adds unnatural weight to the lure and can scare fish away. Normally when I go fishing, I won’t tie on any lure until I know the water conditions. This Texas rig is one of the few setups I can pre-rig before ever laying eyes on the water.

The size, color and type of lure depends on the day. These are the seven lures that I put my reputation as a bass angler on.

Look forward to Villas in the fall

by Jay-R Slater

Housing units are rising from the ground across the street and, while some are indifferent, I am thrilled. I read last month’s survey article and was taken aback by the shortsightedness of many students and the negative comments about cost. What many don’t realize is that The Villas have the potential to help a lot of students. Specifically those who live hours away from the Wood and cannot make the daily commute without student housing.

When I was deciding where to go to college while living in Fort Drum, NY, I had my heart set on Wisconsin. Luckily, I have family in the area, so it wasn’t a hard choice for me. However, many out-of-state students don’t have that luxury.

The Villas are a short walk away from the campus, come fully furnished and are inexpensive compared to other university living expenses I looked at when considering other UW colleges.

I hope that more students will consider this opportunity because The Villas will be a great place for many students, so they can access the tuition at UW-Marshfield/Wood County. While it may not be for everyone, I support The Villas and believe they are a great addition to the campus.

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Penny war: Change their fate

If the thought of a teacher possibly getting covered in pie is amusing, now is the time to act. Student senate is hosting a penny war at UW-Marshfield/Wood County until May 8 at noon during Finals Frenzy, with proceeds benefitting the Hope Lodge.

For the penny war, the names of seven faculty members and the outcome each chose for themselves have been placed on jars in the library. Professors Ididi Adam, Kavita Bhatia and tutor Marsha Oberg will get a pie in the face; professor Julie Tharp and associate professor Sandy Neumann will kiss an animal; assistant professors Caleb Bush and Dana Haagenson will dye their hair.

Anyone can donate a penny to add to a jar’s positive point total or subtract it with other coins and dollar bills. The faculty member with the most negative points at the end of the penny war will . (K.S.)

Denim Day: That’s a lot of denim

Intended to bring awareness to members of the community and raise important conversations in support of sexual assault victims, Central Wisconsin’s Denim Day went off without a hitch. Campus and community members donated over 150 pairs of jeans. Fully decorated jeans are displayed in the Connector and in the commons area.

Staff from the Family Center, including Kim Suchowski, Mai Cheeia Lo and Ben, gave presentations about sexual assault and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Assistant Professor of communication and theater arts Kelly Wilz gave a presentation providing valuable insight into the effects sexual assault on victims and how people can break the culture of silence.

Tale as old as time

Aspiring young actors will dominate the stage this May at UW-Marshfield/Wood County. Kids ages 7-11 will perform the musical “Beauty and the Beast” as part of Just for Kids Theatre, a continuing education workshop.

The purpose of the program is to teach the basics of acting and theatre, such as following stage directions and working behind the scenes to show participants what it takes to put on a show.

The workshop will be taught by two professional actors and directors from Prairie Fire Children’s Theatre, a touring theatre company. These actors are Chance Wall, who will play both the Beast and Poppa, and Lauren Longyear, who will play Serafina, Queen of the Gypsies. Casting begins on Mon. May 19 from 4-6 pm.

Performances are open to the public on Fri. May 23 at 7:30 pm and Sat. May 24 at 2 pm. Tickets for the show are $8 each and can be purchased online at the UW-M/WC website or at the Box Office, 715-389-6534. (K.S.)

There’s a new Senate in town

Next year’s Student Senate consists of President Tyler Waldo, VP of Student Senate Mikayla Jankowski, VP of Internal Relations Amy Pearce, VP of Public Affairs Graham Pearce, Treasurer Adam Olson and Secretary Cody Gessert.

Recognition goes to this year’s Student Senate, which consisted of President JB Hernandez, VP of Senate Rena Kalmom, VP of Internal Affairs Maggie Lenon, VP of Public Relations Laura Holm, Treasurers Autumn Stargardt and Rachel Martin and First Year Executives Tiffany Stargardt and Mikayla Jankowski. (J.G.)

Top dogs on campus for fall 2014

The new 2014-2015 Student Ambassador Team consists of Ginger Sternweis, Adam Olson, Omar Mireles, Samantha Barkey, Taylor Ball, Tyler Waldo, Mikayla Jankowski and Alicia Endreas.

Ambassadors are expected to help at orientation, advising, registration and give campus tours.

To be considered for Student Ambassador position, students must possess strong leadership qualities and be in a good academic standing.

The campus also recognizes the hard work and dedication of the outgoing 2013-2014 Student Ambassador Team. The team was made up of Associate Dean Ididi Adam, Assistant Professor of sociology Caleb Bush, Associate Professor of psychology Sandy Neumann and Wilz.
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.

What are the pros and cons of college?

J: Pros: You seem a lot smarter. Cons: In all reality, it only proves you can regurgitate information.

E: Pros: Parties and a respectable degree. Cons: Don’t pay people to do your homework. Have friends do it for free.

Sexual Assault: A story of survival and hope

submitted by DaNita Carlson, Family Center Executive Director

For the final article during Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Family Center was able to interview a survivor of sexual assault who, although anonymous, wanted to share her story with hope of giving others the strength to share theirs. Sexual assault is something that can be incredibly difficult for survivors to talk about and we should commend any survivor for having the courage to speak out.

Susan, already a victim of domestic violence, tried to end her relationship with her abuser and domestic violence, call the Family Center at 715-421-1511. Focus on having that voice.

Spring Picnic: Elections, pizza and bulls, oh my

Merriment and adventure was rampant at this year’s Spring Picnic. Intended to provide fun activities and encourage students to take part in elections for next year’s Student Senate, Spring Picnic is always a joy, and this year was no exception. Student Senate supplied a bounce bull, Guitar Hero and free pizza, all paid for by student seg fees.