Schlitter and Fonck Elected Student Body Leaders for 2019

Constance Schlitter and Riley Fonck have been elected as Student Body President and Vice President for 2019. The duo secured 414 (57.42%) votes in the runoff elections held last Thursday. Meanwhile, Mary McCormick and Robert Davis, who were also a part of the runoff elections, secured 307 (42.58%) of the total of 721 votes casted.

Schlitter and Fonck had their first senate meeting Wednesday evening as student body president and vice president. During this meeting, the senate passed appointments to the new executive board. The senate has approved the appointment of Madeline Fink as Student Body Secretary, Dana Dela Fuente as Student Body Treasurer, Kayden Dangremond as Communications Officer and Luke VanderSchaaff as Chair of the Student Senate.

Cosmos sat down with Schlitter and Fonck earlier this week to discuss their experience being elected.

Excerpts
Ayam: Why do you think you won the election?
Riley: We have a very big presence among the Juniors and Seniors, and I think that support really helped us. Apart from that, we think our platform was very realistic under the premise of what the
senate can do, and I believe the student body realized our aims were feasible. Moreover, at the debate, we were able to cover most parts of our platform which also helped a lot. Constance: I think we owe a lot of it to our friends who tirelessly helped us throughout our campaign. Also, since a lot of them are Athletes, RAs, and CAP Leaders, they knew people on campus that we did not know personally. And their word meant something to others on campus. Also, I believe we were able to effectively use social media to our advantage.

Ayam: How will you address the problem of budgets being rolled back?
Constance: In all reality, when clubs don’t use their funds, they roll over to the senate’s reserve fund. So, we have this overload – this surplus of money that we must use and that’s what will fund some of the projects we have proposed. We have a $160 thousand staying in our bank account that students have paid. And as a student, I want every dollar to come to fruition in my experience. It really come down to clubs – they must be willing to ask. Although the answer might not always be ‘yes’ but if you tell us what you want to do and how it benefits the students, and the amount you require for the project, it often goes alright.

Riley: Part of the criticism we received was about diversity and inclusion and that is something we can begin right away. We certainly want to be involved in organizations like the International Club and Asian American Club and start attending their events. We have already reached out to a few organizations and have meetings planned with them to get their feedback as ideas.

Ayam: All three candidates in the election had a lot of good ideas. Would you be willing to work with them in the future?
Riley: Of course! We have already spoken with Robert and he has emphasized the need to develop the Academic Achievement Program which is a reason why a lot of students come to Coe and why they flourish. We are planning to meet with him over the next week to know what changes he’d like to see in the program. Constance: I believe it would be beneficial to meet all the candidates to discuss what are the changes that they want to see on campus. And I encourage all of them to run for senate at large elections because everyone was equally qualified and the campus could benefit from their experience.
Artists Bring Art Exhibitions to Coe

On Friday, two artists brought their unique pieces to showcase at a new art exhibition in the Marvin Cone and Eaton-Buchan Galleries, which opened Friday, February 1.

These two exhibitions are “Shadow Play: Cut Paper Art & Animation,” by a nationally recognized cut paper artist Angie Pickman, and “Magic and Memory,” by an active artist Brian Frink.

Pickman’s inspiration comes from her childhood in Kansas.

“I try to tie images of nature in with the magical experience of seeing something new or in a different way as a child,” said Pickman.

Pickman said she has always enjoyed making art, but took a special interest in cut paper after watching the 1926 stop motion animation “The Adventures of Prince Achmed” by Lotte Reiniger, which was made with silhouette cut outs.

“I developed my paper cutting style when I made my first animation and have refined and built it over the years,” said Pickman. She has painted with acrylic paint. In the past, white or black or few colors paper cuttings were Pickman’s focus. Later, she has turned into works that were often very colorful.

When asked how long she could finish one paper cutting, Pickman said that a tiny paper cuttings (1.5 x 2 inches) can take her about an hour, but it takes her several weeks or more for some larger paper cuttings. For Pickman’s future plan, she said that she will continue to make paper cuttings and see how style evolves.

 “[In addition to make more animations] I am working larger than I used to and using more colors and papers, and I am already enjoying the process of exploring my imagination a little further to expand upon what I have already created,” said Pickman.

Frink’s four series: Pet Portraits, Memory of Water, Oddly Shaped Paintings, and Magical Landscapes presented differently. People who went to art exhibitions showed special interests in Frink’s Pet Portraits.

“My daughter asked me to paint a portrait of her father-in-laws dog. I did not want to do this because it did not seem like something I would do,” said Frink. “But then I really liked it, so it taught me to not disregard ideas that might seem strange.”

Frink spent one month to paint Pet Portraits. He sourced images of pets from a Facebook group “I Love YOUR Cat I Love YOUR Dog.” Frink said these paintings are portraits of love and attempt to ponder sentimentality.

“I think social media is a great way to find images that are interesting. It is also a good way to market my work and sell paintings,” said Frink.

Both exhibitions will remain open to the public from 4-6 p.m. each day until Friday, March 1.
New Event on Campus: Students Play Bingo for Food

Coe students had another opportunity to win some groceries at the third Grocery Bingo, an event that occurs Thursday night at 9:00 pm in Cherry Auditorium. A table is set up with various food items and each student is given a bingo card. Until all the food is gone, students play regular five in a row bingo.

“Grocery bingo is an event that I’ve used to help students engage with each other at previous institutions I’ve worked at and when I got to Coe I thought that it might be a nice addition to Coe’s already large programing model,” said event coordinator and Director of Residence Life Dan Juhl. “I thought it was something that students here at Coe would really enjoy.”

Students can make suggestions on what should be purchased. On the whiteboard in Cherry alongside a list of upcoming events is a column titled: next week’s list. Students can add anything they wish to see on the list and it will be available the following week.

“I’m happy with what I won, but I really wanted to win these raspberry whites from last week,” said Rebecca Staples. The turnout for the first week was 188 Students and 204 the second week. With all the food, students have about a one in six chance of winning. Once the food is gone students have a chance to win a gift card if they can blackout their bingo card.

“I really like the atmosphere and being surrounded by Coe students who are super excited to win and be together cause I know we all love getting free groceries,” said Sophie Barna. “I think what Res Life is doing is really awesome, bringing Coe kids together at this event.”

Bingo winners go up for prizes. Photo by Lauren Hansen
Japanese Student Organization (JSA) To Share Japanese Culture

On Thursday, January 31, the Japanese Student Organization (JSA) had its first club meeting in Hickok hall. Both students from Japan and domestic students interested in Japanese culture gathered to spend time together and learn about the new club’s plans going forward for this semester. JSA has a few specific goals for this semester:

- “Our primary goal is to share the unique culture of Japan with Coe student body and we are also open to people in other colleges throughout Iowa”, said Sana Otsuka, President of the Club. “Even if there are many Japanese students in Coe, it is fairly hard for domestic student to meet them in person usually. So the club can be a chance for them to be closer each other and exchange language.”
- Anna Bogart, one of the students who attended the event, said “I lived in Japan before and I’ve always been interested in Japan. This club can help me know more about Japan than TV that I used to watch.”
- Another student, Jasmine Bailow also said “I have been finding opportunity which is for specifically Japanese things. Normally it is quite awkward to meet people without the club so I’m glad to join it.”

The club's first event was experiencing Taiko Drumming which is often used in Japanese festival and it was on Saturday, February 1, 2019. The club will keep trying to create diverse culture experiences and will gather on Thursday every other week.
Students Participate in Annual Ski Trip

Students found their respective equipment and necessary gear in the lodge at the resort and headed out to enjoy their time. “The Student Activities Committee paid for students to either ski or snowboard, as well as the pizza and transportation,” said SAC Advisor Hayley Goddard. “While the students paid a small $30 portion of that total expense.”

Although most students who signed up for the trip were already quite familiar either skiing or snowboarding, a few students with no experience with these activities were also present. However, it did not turn out to be a big issue as various instructors were present in the slopes and offered to guide beginners.

Coe students immensely enjoyed the trip and had a wonderful experience. Shigeyuki Kihara, a freshman from Japan, stated, “In Japan, I have to travel a lot to get to a decent ski resort. Here, the place was not far, and I could return the same day. It was convenient and fun.”

After three hours of enjoying winter activities, students boarded the bus and returned to college at around 11:00 pm.

Kohawks Paint Galaxy Inspired Paintings

On Wednesday, February 6, SAC organized a Step by Step Painting Party to help students “paint away the stress of the semester.”

About 50 people participated in the event and worked together to create a galaxy inspired painting in the CJ Lynch Room, Lower Gage, starting at 9 pm. The event was extremely successful and by 8:50 pm all spots were taken.

Shawna Abriam ('22) at the Step by Step Painting Party. Photo by Larrisa Alire ('20).
Magnetic Field Shift: How Does it Affect You?

Have you noticed that your phone’s GPS system has been a little off recently? Not a huge amount, but just a little bit enough to cause a bit of frustration.

Earth’s magnetic field is on the run. Magnetic north allows our phone’s GPS systems to track our movements and our mapping services to get us from point A to B, but recently magnetic north has been careening across the planet’s surface, moving from northern Canada and heading towards Siberia. Magnetic north differs from geographic north as it does change.

This is caused by the currents of Earth’s molten core, as the core swirls about, it creates a magnetic field about the planet. While magnetic north does wander from time to time, the movement has accelerated in recent years, increasing from the average of 20 miles per year to 34 per year. Scientists believe this is because the magnetic poles are beginning to ‘flip’, reversing the direction they orient in. Magnetic north will be close to geographic south, and vise versa.

Because of this increased movement, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) released a new version of the World Magnetic Model (WMM) a year earlier than anticipated. For the time being, this new model will correct drift for all GPS systems until the standard release of the WMM in 2020. So for the time being, your GPS is safe.
When it comes to recessions, there are dozens of indicators that economists rely on to predict them. One of the most common gauges of the economy is the stock market, although this is an imperfect measure. As Paul Samuelson said, “the stock market has predicted nine of the past five recessions.”

After over a decade of economic expansion, the question many have is when will it end? UBS Consultant Christopher Lachocki recently drew my attention to the fact there has never been a recession while there is job growth. One of the most common measures of job growth is the Nonfarm Payrolls (NFP). The shaded areas on the following graphic indicate U.S. recessions. As we can see, a recession hasn’t occurred since 1940 without NFP having a negative percent change, although NFP has gone down without a recession happening. Recent strong jobs reports have helped the stock market gain back some traction and indicate we aren’t in a recession despite murmurs of the possibility in November and December.

The National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) is the organization that determines the start and end of recessions. Sometimes, they don’t report we have entered a recession until we are in a recession. For example, in November of 2001 they reported we entered a recession in March of 2001. This speaks to how uncertain economic climates can be and how unreliable predicting recessions is. Even some of the best out there can only give a two year window for when a recession might occur.

With these ideas in mind, I think we can agree recessions are unpredictable to the common man or woman, so saving a percentage of your income is always a good idea. If negative jobs reports start coming out, there is an increased chance of recession so you should start saving more of your money. Increased saving may have a negative effect on the economy, but that’s why we have the U.S. Federal Reserve, which uses monetary policy to change our marginal propensity to expend.
Coe Track Team Heads East to Prepare for the Future

In the early morning hours of the off Wednesday, January 30, 14 athletes and four coaches of the Coe Track and Field team packed into minivans and began the nearly 15-hour drive to Winston-Salem, North Carolina to take part in the Camel-City Invitational track meet.

The Camel-City Invitational is an annual meet held at the JDL Fast Track—a well-known location for people in the track world. The meet plays host to both collegiate athletes from all levels and professional runners; schools like University of North Carolina and Duke were present while Olympians and world-record holders also competed.

Why travel so far for such a prestigious meet? Head Coach Matthew Barreau says he wanted his athletes to experience the kind of atmosphere the Invitational had to offer while having an opportunity to improve their marks, just like any other meet.

“We brought this group out here because we wanted them to get a taste of a big-time meet,” said Barreau, who is in the midst of his second year as the head coach of the track and field program. “By being in this kind of atmosphere, it prepares you to compete when it matters later on down the road. We thought this group would be able to take this experience to heart and take it back home to better themselves, their teammates, and the program.”

While not every athlete set personal bests or performed as well as they would have liked, it was still a positive experience for everyone involved. They were able to compete against some of the best runners in the nation while also getting to watch a couple world-records get broke by the professional runners—an experience many of them will not forget for a long time.

“We only lose if we do not take advantage of our mistakes,” Barreau said. “Those mistakes must become stepping stones to future success.”
El Salvador’s Supreme Electoral Tribunal announced that Nayib Bukele will be the next president for their country.

Two stolen crowns with jewels that once belonged to King Karl IX and Queen Kristina may have been found in a trash can in Sweden, well the jewels from the crowns at least. The two crowns were stolen in July 2018 in a raid from a cathedral in Stockholm.

Over 20 people got trapped in a South African coal mine Wednesday. The people that got trapped were thought to be part of a larger group that was trying to steal cable lines from the coal mine when a gas explosion occurred.

Amongst a shipment of potatoes that arrived in Hong Kong, a World War I grenade was found. The shipment of potatoes came from France and was heading to a factory that makes potato chips.
what's Hot and what's Not

Vice

There are few men in history who can draw the ire of nearly an entire generation. There are even fewer who can claim that they have directly influenced the way history has happened over the past two decades. One of these men is Dick Cheney, George W. Bush's unusually powerful VP who took our country into the Middle East for more insidious reasons than most know. In Vice, director Adam McKay attempts to educate Americans on the 46th Vice President's life and decisions.

Narrated by Oil War veteran Kurt (Jesse Plemons), Vice takes us through the different moments of Richard Cheney's (Christian Bale) life that would eventually consolidate in his assumption of the VP office. An alcoholic, college dropout line worker in 1963, Dick is confronted by his wife Lynne (Amy Adams) with an ultimatum: get clean and get a better job, or she’ll leave him.

By 1969 Dick is an intern in the Nixon White House, working under economic advisor Donald Rumsfeld (Steve Carrell). Both he and Rumsfeld rise through the ranks, with Cheney's career spreading outward and upward as the years go by. After retiring to public life in the 1990s, it seems Cheney's career is at an end...that is, until Governor George Bush (Sam Rockwell) gives him a call begging him to “be his vice.”

For most people out there, it's guaranteed that probably the only thing they've heard about Dick Cheney is that he shot a guy in the face (which is depicted). But the sheer amount of uncovering and making freely available the information of what went on behind the scenes in Cheney's White House is truly eye-opening...and maddening.

This is mainly due in large part to the incredible performances of Bale and Adams as the Cheneys, Carrell as Rumsfeld, and the rest of the prime players in Cheney's story; each plays their role so real that at times it's hard to stop yourself from seething with rage whenever they show up on screen. The format of the film is where things get a bit muddy.

Sometimes it's incredibly entertaining; at one point you get to see a “Richard III” monologue between Lynne and Dick over whether he should accept the Vice position, while other times it's too heavy-handed. It's not entirely clear if McKay was trying to replicate The Big Short with the several fourth-wall breaks and satirical takes on situations, but it does seem incredibly awkward when the mood is supposedly serious.

In any case, Vice is a movie that reaps you in with satire and serves up a fresh helping of anger instead, and if you aren't leaving the theatre with a fresh hatred for Dick Cheney then you weren't really paying attention.

My Rating: ⭐⭐⭐

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23 Not fitting
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27 Tuition-paying aid
32 Rude and crude
34 "Begone, feline!"
35 Unsubscribes, with "out"
36 Jazz trumpeter Al
37 Indian prime minister mentored by Gandhi
38 Eric Carle’s "The ___ Hungry Caterpillar"
39 Viral internet item
40 Improve text
41 Porto-Novo’s land
42 Competitive swimming venue
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49 Old phone company nickname
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58 Biblical verb
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60 "Excusez-"
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1 Rapper whose name sounds like an endangered cat
2 "The Americans" co-star Russell
3 Many an action film hero
4 Admit
5 Greet aggressively
6 Burn a little
7 Road covering
8 Conclude
9 Fascinated
10 The Roots’ frontman on "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon"
11 Big coffee pots
12 "Noted"
13 Church rows
18 PC panic key
21 African language group
23 Tracking implants, for short
24 A few feet from
25 Blockhead
26 Princess who gives up her voice to be human
28 Vintage music purchase
29 Magical access words
30 Glass-roofed lobbies
31 Timberlake’s former band
33 Biological building blocks
37 Sam of "Peaky Blinders"
41 Tot’s comforter, affectionately
43 Not at all 32-Across
44 Work too hard
48 Opposite of rise
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53 A party to, as a private joke
54 Classroom acting
56 "Shameless" network, briefly
57 Egg layer

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