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FIGHTING SEX TRAFFICKING

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Sex trafficking happens in Cedar Rapids.

“It’s four blocks away,” said Shana Kargbo. “It’s the Hy-Vee on First Avenue.”

Kargbo, a member of the anti-human trafficking non-profit Chains Interrupted, spoke during the panel on human and

sex trafficking March 15 in Cherry Auditorium. The panel was part of the senior capstone project of Emily Davis (‘17) and Madison Clark (‘17), who began the event by showing a documentary on local sex trafficking survivors.

In the documentary, a local Cedar Rapids teenager told her story of being picked up at

the First Avenue Hy-Vee and being driven to Chicago to be used as a prostitute.

“It really brings home the fact sex trafficking happens in our community,” Davis said.

Kargbo and the rest of the panelists agreed that after they began work in rescuing sex trafficking victims, it changed their minds on

Panelists, from left, Tish Young, Shana Kargbo, Scott Elam and Jonathan Chambers talk about sex trafficking in the Cedar Rapids area, and how to combat the complacency in society concerning the issue. Photo by Lisa McDonald.

how they viewed the institution of prostitution.

Jonathan Chambers, anti-human trafficking
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Launch of new poetry collections

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Two award-winning poets launched their new collections at the annual Paul Engle Poetry Reading on March 14. The event, hosted by the English and Creative Writing Departments, featured Brenda Shaughnessy and Craig Morgan Teicher, and they spent the hour-event helping the audience to experience the world of poetry through sharing a few poems from their new collections.

Shaughnessy is an associate professor of English at Rutgers University, and the author of four poetry collections. Teicher works as a web editor for the website Publishers Weekly, and has written four collections. Their poems have appeared in newspapers and magazines such as *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker* and *The Paris Review*.

Shaughnessy and Teicher said they started



Brenda Shaughnessy, left, and Craig Morgan Teicher, right, share some of the poems from their new collections during the Paul Engle Poetry Reading March 14.

Photo by Jiun Lee.

writing poems when they were about 15 years old, as a way to focus on their inner voice. Poetry is a great piece of work which could break the rules of reality, Shaughnessy said.

Teicher said along with writing poems from scratch, he also enjoys creating cento poetry. Cento poetry is a poetic form made up of lines from poems by other poets. Teicher said he reads a wide range of diverse works from different writers, and combines lines from these varied works to create new poems.

Beyond sharing their poems to the audience, the New Jersey poets explained the process of how to go from simply

writing to delivering the pieces to readers around the world. They encouraged students who would like to work in the area of creative writing and publishing to move forward toward their dreams.

Taylor Knight ('20), who is majoring in gender studies and film studies, said the event motivated her to improve her own creative writing ability. Additionally, Knight said she was especially infatuated with the poems of Shaughnessy.

They are so powerful, sensitive and accurate, Knight said, that she could relate to Shaughnessy's stories as if she had experienced what Shaughnessy did before.

James and Linnie Phifer

History Speaker Series

Named in honor of President Emeritus James Phifer and his wife, Linnie, in recognition of their nearly three decades

of distinguished service to Coe College, the Phifer History Speaker Series is bringing Professor Sayuri Shimizu from Rice University to speak on "Transpacific Field of Dreams: Baseball in U.S.

– Japan Relations."

The event is Monday, March 27, beginning at 7 p.m. in Kesler Lecture Hall.

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manager for the domestic violence service Cedar Valley Friends of the Family, said he used to believe if someone wanted to prostitute themselves it was a personal choice. But after working with sex trafficking victims, Chambers said he realized that the people who willingly prostituted themselves were by far a minority.

Marion Police Lt. Scott Elam agreed with Chambers. Even if sex trafficking victims didn't object to their predicament, "that's not willingly doing things," Elam said, "that's survival mode."

Tish Young, another member of Chains Interrupted, said the main factor in society's lack of discussion of human and sex trafficking is complacency.

Young said, "You can't unsee some of the things you let yourself see," Young said, and being exposed to sexual and violent images on media starting at a young age limits people's abilities to feel shock over horrible situations.

Young said the porn industry plays a large role in building that complacency. Porn is like cocaine, Young said, in that over time you need stronger or

more hardcore images to achieve the same levels of dopamine in your system. Eventually, just seeing it is not enough and people turn to playing it out in real life through industries like sex trafficking, Young said.

The panelists agreed combatting the objectification and complacency invoked by pornography and the apathy to sex trafficking victims' plights rests on one thing: under-

standing anyone involved in human trafficking is a person, not a number. "No matter how much they look like they enjoy it, they don't," Kargbo said.

The panelists emphasized that if a person wouldn't be okay with these things happening to someone dear to their heart, they shouldn't be okay with anyone being placed in those situations.

Statistics

100,000 American kids fall victim to sex trafficking every year

48: the number of hours on the street when 1 in 3 runaways are lured into commercial sexual exploitation

12-14: the average age of entry into forced prostitution of girls and boys

27 million: the number of human trafficking victims worldwide

Baritone and pianist perform at Coe

Claudia Chiappa
Staff writer

On Monday, March 13, the Friends of Music at Coe (FOMAC) sponsored a recital featuring special guest artists baritone James Rodriguez and Scott Arens at the piano.

James D. Rodriguez, currently a professor at Texas Christian University, has performed with several Operas and was a finalist in the Concorso

Lirica International Competition.

During their recital at Coe, Rodriguez and Arens performed four pieces from Old American Songs by composer Aaron Copland (1900-1990), followed by Three Songs by Samuel Barber (1910-1981). After a brief intermission, the artists came back with several short rhymes by Mike Buller (b. 1986) and concluded the performance with the

religious piece from Pilgrimage by Carlisle Floyd (b. 1926).

Rodriguez said he has just recently started performing at colleges and he hopes he will be able to do it more often in the future.

Concerning Monday's recital, Rodriguez said he chose pieces for the first part of the concert that he felt would be recognizable to the audience, while he chose more "obscure"

pieces for the second half.

In particular, Rodriguez said he enjoyed performing the religious pieces by Floyd, ones he called "touching and moving."



Photo by Claudia Chiappa.

Coe softball ranked 12th in the nation

Delena Humble

Sports editor

Over spring break, while most students were enjoying sandy beaches or warm homes, the Coe softball team was in sunny Florida beating nationally-ranked teams. This is now the third week in a row that the Kohawks have been ranked, and have moved up from 15th place to 12th place.

The softball team is now 13-1 on the season and have 11 straight wins so far. This 11-game winning streak is the fourth longest streak in the country.

Their sole loss occurred against Kean University, which is now ranked 20th in the poll. The Kohawks also added huge victories to their belts when they beat St. Catherine, St. John Fisher and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

The Kohawks currently are ranked 9th in the nation with 3.36 stolen bases per game. The team also have three individuals who have been ranked themselves.

Alyssa Olson ('19) is ranked 10th in the nation for saves and 23rd in the nation for strikeouts. Maliah Fligg ('17) is ranked



Coe's softball team moved up from 15th to 12th place in national ranking following their wins during spring break. Photo courtesy of Alyssa Olson.

19th in the nation in shutouts, which is where a single pitcher pitches a complete game and does not allow the opposing team to score a run. Paige Wieland ('17) is ranked 25th in the country in triples, which is where a batter safely reaches third

base after hitting the ball.

The Kohawks have an off week right now, but they will return to action against cross town rivals, Cornell College, at 5 p.m. in Mount Vernon.

Women's soccer welcomes new coach

Delena Humble

Sports editor

This past week the Coe women's soccer team added a new member to their family. Coach Michael Prunty accepted the head coaching position that was previously held by alumnus Scott Myers.

Prunty is familiar with IAC conference as he is an alumnus of Simpson College. With spring season around the corner, the new coach has big things planned for the team's allotted 16 practices.

The team earned their first national ranking two years ago under Myers, and are hoping to become ranked again in this upcoming season under Prunty.

"[I'm] excited for what the program has to offer and know we will do great things together this season," Prunty said.

The team is excited for the new opportunities they have been given and are hoping to become even better players this spring.



Michael Prunty, an alumnus of Simpson College, accepted the position as Coe's new women's soccer head coach.

Photo courtesy of LinkedIn.

Coe-community Camera

*Evolution of Eby's construction
Photos by Lisa McDonald*



September 8, 2016



October 20, 2016



December 1, 2016



January 26, 2017



February 9, 2017



March 16, 2017

Sports Reports

Women's Tennis

- On Thursday 03/09, the Kohawks lost 7-2 against Wheaton College.
- Next match: Sunday 03/05, at Webster University (8 a.m.)

Women's Track and Field

- On Saturday 02/25, the Kohawks competed in the Iowa Conference Championships and placed 8th of 9.
- Next meet: Saturday 04/01, at Central Invite (10 a.m.)

Women's Softball

- On Friday 03/10, the Kohawks defeated Thiel College 7-2 and defeated Worcester

Delena Humble

- Polytechnic Institute 9-1.
- Next game: Wednesday 03/22, at Cornell College (5 p.m.)

Men's Wrestling

- On Friday 03/10 and Saturday 03/11, the Kohawks competed in the NCAA National Championships and placed 28th of 58.
- Next meet: season finished.

Men's Baseball

- On Saturday 03/11, the Kohawks defeated McDaniel College 4-3 and 10-8.

- Next game: Saturday 03/18, Bethany Lutheran College (2 p.m.)

Men's Tennis

- On Thursday 03/09, the Kohawks defeated Wheaton College 6-3.
- Next match: Friday 03/17, at Gustavus Adolphus (5 p.m.)

Men's Track and Field

- On Friday 03/10, the Kohawks competed in the NCAA National Championships and there was no team score.
- Next meet: Saturday 04/01, at Central Invite (10 a.m.)

Market Talk

Question of the Week Michael Lachocki

What is short selling?

As you probably know, the general rule of buying and selling stocks is: Buy low, Sell high. But if the economy as a whole is in decline, how can you possibly do that? While there might still be a few companies that will go up reliably, the majority will continue to go down. So are there other ways to make money off of

stocks when you expect them to go down?

Luckily, I can say yes, there are. One way is called short selling. Short selling is the same as buying and selling shares, except it is done in the reverse order. You borrow the shares from your broker and sell them, and once you do that you are required to buy them back at a time of your

choosing. The goal is to buy the shares back at a lower price than you initially sold them for so that the difference becomes your profit.

For example, say you short sell 100 shares of a company at a price of \$20 a share, a transaction totaling \$2,000. If the share price was to fall to \$10 a share and you decided to cash in, you would buy the borrowed shares for their current worth of \$1,000. This means you made \$1,000 of profit from betting against the company.

However, if the price of the shares goes up, you have to pay back more than you initially sold the shares for. This is because you have to pay the original cost of

the shares, plus the amount by which the share price increased.

As such, the rule of thumb for short selling is the opposite of regular stock selling: Sell high, Buy low.

You can also short sell exchange-traded funds; however, the likelihood of a company failing is far greater than the whole S&P 500. Many investors who favor short selling keep a close eye on companies that might go bankrupt. If a company announces they're going bankrupt you can usually be sure that investors will start selling any shares they may have while they're still worth something. This causes the share price to fall drastically and the short seller's profits to increase.

WEEKLY SUDOKU

Submit your completed sudoku to the *Cosmos* email to be entered into our monthly drawing to have your photo published.

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Sudoku courtesy of www.websudoku.com

Gallery of Photos Contest

The Gallery of Photographs in the Coe College dining hall is a celebration of the College's ongoing internationalization efforts, the international diversity of the study body and artistic expression through photography.

Students can submit up to three photographs to be considered for the 2017-18 gallery display. Students can contact International Student Advisor Peter Gerlach at pgerlach@coe.edu to acquire the application form.

Submissions are due Friday, March 31.