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FIGHTING THE FLOOD



Students flocked to the Cedar Rapids downtown area to prepare for Tuesday, Sept. 27's flood.

Photos courtesy of, top left, Bridget Moore and, rest, Niles George. Continued on pg. 2.

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Coe-mmunity aids city with flood

Lisa McDonald
Editor-in-chief

Students and faculty helped empty buildings and fill sandbags at the Cedar Rapids Public Library, Czech Museum, Czech Village and Newbo from Friday, Sept. 23 to Sunday, Sept. 25 before the city quarantined downtown in preparation for the flood.

The National Weather Service originally predicted on Thursday, Sept. 22 the Cedar River would crest in Cedar Rapids at about 24 feet, raising fears of another 2008 flood.

Director of Community Engagement Kayla Lyftogt used emails to connect Coe students and faculty to sandbagging efforts.

In total, the Coe community helped fill, deliver

and place 25,000 sandbags, Lyftogt said.

The flood crested at 22 feet Tuesday, Sept. 27.

With the flood now receding, downtown bridges are slowly being reopened for use.

According to KCRG and KCCI, the majority of buildings in low-lying areas escaped with only flooded basements because of the temporary flood walls.

The City of Cedar Rapids Flood Information page states the evacuation area will be lifted by noon today, but encourages only business owners and residents access the area in order to reduce congestion.

Linn County Senior Public Health Nurse Heather Meador said residents only need to worry



"Saturday night, I ran into someone I knew from town. She said that she'd met many people who had gotten help from Coe students, and how impressed and thankful they were. I was here in 2008, and I remember that cleanup is really messy, smelly, and time-consuming. Luckily the extent of the flood has been contained this year!"
-Jane Nesmith,
Assistant Professor of Rhetoric

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"I wanted to help some of the local people for the flood because I know how devastating it is to be in a flood. My previous experiences with devastations is from the earthquake in Nepal where many of their houses were destroyed."

-Uzir Thapa, '17



"It's a testament to how caring and strong of a community the Kohawk family is. Cedar Rapids has been great to us, and we needed to give back in some way: so the campus' support these last few days has been incredibly humbling."

-Andy Cheng, '17

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Unlike in 2008, left, the Sept. 27 flood, right, did not reach above Coe Road, leaving the Physical Plant unaffected. At the time of the 2008 flood, Struve had not yet been renovated into the Communication Center. Photos courtesy of, left, Rod Pritchard and, right, Bridget Moore.



about obtaining a tetanus vaccine if they had an open wound exposed to the flood waters, and haven't had a vaccination in over five years.

If this is the case, Meador said, vaccinations can be obtained at Linn County Public Health.

Lyftogt said more information on city cleanup will become available in the coming days. Students looking to help should keep an eye on their email for updates, Lyftogt added.

Until then, Foundation 2 is looking for volunteers to help answer 211 flood-related calls, and Catholic Worker House is looking for volunteers to help with childcare. Contact Lyftogt for details.

Flooding in 2008

"The city is much, much, much more prepared than it was in 2008," said Secretary of the College Rod Pritchard.

Pritchard said not



Students, above left, sandbag at the Babi Buresh House Sept. 23. Volunteers, above right, fill sandbags in front of the National Czech and Slovak Museum & Library Sept. 24. Photos courtesy of Bethany Lehman.

only did the city have less warning in 2008 in which to prepare, but heavy rains caused a flash flood to occur on top of the flood.

The resulting 31.12-foot crest on June 13, 2008 reached the Physical Plant on the northwest edge of campus.

The flood knocked out the city-wide steam plant. Pritchard said instead of reinstalling the system, city entities set up private systems. Coe College teamed with St. Luke's Hospital for their new steam system.



Students, left, helped sandbag at the Czech Village on Sept. 24. Photo courtesy of Angela Ziskowski.



Students, left, helped sandbag at NewBo City Market on Sept. 25. Photo courtesy of Lynda Barrow.

Students ready for Cultural Show

Mai Fukuhara
Staff writer

Students from continents around the world will come together to perform at the 43rd Cultural Show Saturday, Oct. 1.

Exchange students Selina-Sophie Vierling ('19), from Germany, and Haesol Kim ('19), from South Korea, will perform in this event.

Vierling and her friend, American student Emilio Ayala, will perform as a duo under the name Multi-family. Vierling will sing while being accompanied on guitar by Ayala. They will perform German and American songs.

Vierling said she would like to tell a message that emphasizes community. No matter the countries' differences, Vierling said, music can create a shared community.

When Vierling was

three years old, she went to the recording studio with her parents.

After that, Vierling started singing in a school band before starting her own band named Twins. This group performed at weddings and parties.

However, Vierling said singing is hobby, not a full-time job. After graduate school, she would like to be a high school



Selina-Sophie Vierling will sing German and American songs with the group Multi-family during the Cultural Show.



Haesol Kim will perform a traditional and contemporary mix Taekwondo-dance routine with group Dynamic KJA during the Cultural Show.

Photos by Mai Fukuhara.

teacher or university professor of English.

Kim is part of the group Dynamic KJA. This group will perform a traditional Korean dance called Kockdugaksi-nori and a Taekwondo-dance mix to Korean-pop songs.

Kockdugaksi-nori is usually performed by elementary school students in school festivals. The dance includes cute movements and playing the traditional Korean pipe instrument, danso.

Kim said she would like to showcase traditional Korea and modern

Korea, and she thinks it is an important thing that three different countries' people will participate in the performance.

Though Kim is studying business administration while here in America; back home in South Korea she studies hospitality management.

Currently, Kim said she plans to attend graduate school then become a headquarters manager for a franchise restaurant.

The Cultural Show will be Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. in Sinclair Auditorium.



Coe-community Camera

Hannah Wiles ('17) reads from "The Pearl" during the Pizza and Publication party hosted by the Writing Center Sept. 22.

Photo by Amanda Bourne.

Coming next week

Due to the flood, next week's issue of the *Coe Cosmos* will feature coverage of the Consent Week events that occurred this week.

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Summer flooding affects archives, theater

Lisa McDonald

Editor-in-chief

Though the 22-foot flood Sept. 27 did not reach Coe College, the campus's George T. Henry College Archives and Audiovisual Theater experienced unrelated flooding in June and August.

"Overall we were incredibly lucky," said Director of Library Services Jill Jack.

Jack said even though the worst flood reached about four inches in the archives and over six inches in the theater, only one archival piece will need to be sent out for conservation repairs.

The first flood occurred June 22, Jack said, and was discovered early in the morning by custodial worker Teresa Stone. Stone called the Physical Plant, who sent personnel to bail water and set up pumps.

Jack said water entered the archives and theater through the windows. Physical Plant workers cleaned the window wells and inspected the covered windows' seals, Jack said, yet flooding occurred again on June 29, and again on Aug. 4 and 11.

Fortunately the original flood made staff

aware of the potential issue, Jack said, and the other floods were quickly noticed and dealt with.

The worst flood occurred the night of Aug. 11.

"[Head of Circulation] Sandy Blanchard called me and said it was raining, and I called security and asked them to check the archives," Jack said. "Matt [Miller] from security called me and said the archives were flooding. I called Sandy and asked her to come back to campus to check the archives while I came up from Iowa City."

When Jack arrived, the archives were already ankle-deep in water. Jack, Miller, Blanchard and ADA Coordinator Kim Pierson bailed water while Physical Plant personnel pumped water in order to keep up with the amount of water pouring into the archives, theater and boiler room.

"We didn't leave until after 3 a.m. and the P-Plant guys were still working," Jack said. "It's a small area, but it's a lot of work. It took a lot of people hours to clean up the archives and get it back into working condition."

Following the floods, Physical Plant personnel initiated several measures



The Aug. 11 flood covered the archives in standing water about four inches deep. Physical Plant personnel will need to evaluate if the carpet should be replaced.

Photo courtesy of Jill Jack.

to prevent molding. They cut holes in the bottom of the bookcases to pump in heat, and ran floor fans and lowered the temperature in the archive vault and theater.

Jack said this is the first time in years the archives and theater have flooded. The underlying reason for the flooding is unknown, Jack said, but probable factors include heavy summer rains and campus construction.

Currently everything is under control, Jack said, and items have been returned to the archives. The Physical Plant will need to evaluate if the carpet needs to be replaced, Jack said, and perhaps some of the vault flooring if it continues to buckle.

Jack said the archives are important since archival materials tell the

history "not just of Coe, but events worldwide."

Researchers from all over the United States and Europe have come to Coe to use the William L. Shirer Papers collection. Coe alumnus Shirer ('25) is famous for his journalism covering Mahatma Gandhi and as a war correspondent during WWII.

Jack said the archives are even more important today than ever since the rise of technology means there are fewer physical documents being produced and saved.

"It's rare that people keep hard copies of their emails or print out their [text messages]," Jack said. Without these physical documents, people studying the 21st century will have a very limited view of this century, Jack said.

Climbing to success

Cara Lindell
Guest Writer

A Coe instructor has a hand-hold on his future, and is helping his students get a grip as they move their way up in the world.

Alberto Lacayo, 26, credits his father's life-long love of climbing as inspiring Lacayo to follow those footsteps--even if the path was literally straight up.

Lacayo supervises The Grotto, Coe's indoor rock wall, and teaches a course on rock climbing.

Lacayo said his father instilled a confidence in him that allowed him to jump into climbing without fears many new climbers face -- a fear of heights and a fear of falling.

When Lacayo made the move from California back to his home state of Iowa,

Lacayo was introduced to The Grotto, Coe's rock wall.

Lacayo trekked to Colorado to attend classes at the Colorado Mountain School and get certified to teach safe climbing practices to others.

Lacayo said he returned to Iowa and built The Grotto back up, getting students and community members alike to check it out.

As the only publicly accessible climbing gym in Cedar Rapids, there was a substantial potential for bringing in traffic and funds from memberships.

Now, Lacayo teaches the Rock Climbing Physical Education class, which lasts for half the semester and meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Lacayo's class only



Alberto Lacayo, center, and his group of 12 students in the rock climbing class. Lacayo keeps the class small to ensure one-on-one time with each student.

Photos by Cara Lindell.

allows for 12 students, which Lacayo feels creates a well-balanced teacher-student ratio. It allows him to have one-on-one time with each student to adjust how he is teaching the material to best fit the individual student.

The class focuses on the basics: knots, belaying, types of climbing and ethics behind outdoor climbing. Lacayo hopes to build a foundation of terms and

culture and "to encourage a pursuit of outdoor adventure."

Being able to work in the Grotto allows Lacayo to "play an active role in the development of rock climbing as a whole," he said.

"Ultimately, it's loving what you do, being passionate and trying to bring other people into it," Lacayo said.

Women's Volleyball (10-7, 2-1 IIAC)

- On Tuesday 9/27, the Kohawks Women's Volleyball team beat the University of Dubuque 3-2 in a Iowa Conference match
- Next game: Friday 9/30, Mabel Lee Invite against Iowa Wesleyan (3:30 p.m.) and Wisconsin-Platteville (7:30 p.m.)

Women's Soccer- (7-4-1, 0-1 IIAC)

- On Wednesday 9/28, the Kohawks won 7-0 against Iowa Wesleyan
- Next game: Friday 9/30, Central College (5 p.m.)

Women's Tennis- (7-1, 5-1 IIAC)

- On Wednesday 9/28, the Ko-

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hawks beat Wartburg 8-1

- Next game: Saturday 10/1, Buena Vista (9 a.m.) and Nebraska Wesleyan (2 p.m.)

Men's Golf

- On Monday 9/26, finished 8th in the 15 team field at the Clark Invite
- Next game: Wednesday 10/5, Simpson Invite

Men's Tennis

- On Friday 9/23, in the IIAC Flight A Singles, Coe had three of

the four semifinalist. Brady Anderson won the championship match, 7-5, 6-3.

Men's Football- (4-0, 2-0 IIAC)

- On Saturday 9/24, the Kohawks upset Nebraska Wesleyan's Homecoming match 48-17
- Next game: Saturday 10/1, Wartburg (1 p.m.)

Men's Soccer- (1-7, 0-1 IIAC)

- On Saturday 9/24, the Kohawks lost to 23rd ranked Luther College 0-3 in the Iowa conference opener for both schools
- Next game: Friday 9/30, Central College (7:30 p.m.)

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New faces of Coe: Brittney Miller

Yuan Chai
Staff Writer

Assistant Professor of Mathematics Brittney Miller brings something none of the other mathematics professors are able to offer: her gender.

Miller is the first female assistant professor in the math department at Coe College.

“When you see somebody like you teaching you, you know that it’s possible, you can do what they did,” said Miller. “I am hoping I can be that role model for a lot of other students. Maybe a woman will help, at least offers more support, and not just for female students, but for all students at Coe.”

Miller, who recently graduated from Purdue University with a doctorate degree in mathe-

matics, moved to Cedar Rapids and took her first official job as a teacher at Coe. Miller said Coe is the kind of liberal arts college she has always wanted to work at.

“A lot of my friends in grad school came from smaller liberal arts colleges,” Miller said. “When they were talking about keeping in touch with their professors from undergraduate institutions, I just thought that it is really awesome.”

Miller graduated from big universities in California and Indiana but chose to settle at Coe. “I really thought the connection that students and professors have is very unique,” said Miller.

“[When at Purdue] I would teach a class and I would never see those students again,” Miller added.

When talking about



Brittney Miller visits San Francisco in Jan. 2016. As the only female mathematics professor, Miller hopes to inspire women pursuing mathematics degrees. Photo courtesy of Brittney Miller.

expectations and plans for this fall, Miller said one of the biggest things she is looking forward to is meeting a lot of students and building relationships with them.

“I am really excited to know that I am the youngest, the only female and a half-Chinese teacher in the

department,” said Miller.

Besides settling in to the math department and Coe culture, Miller said she loves to explore Cedar Rapids with her significant other and two dogs, Molly and Layla. “I love being here and having so many new and fun things to do in town!” said Miller.

Easy Peasy Recipes

*Recipe courtesy of Allrecipes
Photo by Nina Wilson*



Ingredients

- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tbs brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1 tbs baking powder
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil/canola oil
- 3/4 cup mini chocolate chips

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. Mix together flour, sugars, baking powder and salt.
3. Lightly beat egg, stir in milk, oil and vanilla, then mix into the dry mixture before adding chips.
4. Bake for 10-12 minutes in greased muffin pan.

ATTENTION

In honor of Homecoming, the *Coe Cosmos* is hosting a Twitter competition during homecoming events. Details about the competition will be arriving in your email shortly, so keep your eyes peeled!

Coe students and alumni unite

Lisa McDonald
Editor-in-chief

For the first time in several years, current African American Coe students attended the biennial African American Coe College Alumni Reunion, held this year in St. Louis.

The alumni send an invitation to current students each reunion, Greg Linton ('18) said, but students are commonly unable to attend due to cost. However, with the reunion being held in St. Louis, the price was affordable.

Four male and four female students, along with advisors Coordinator of

Multicultural Admission Steven Shelby and College Chaplain Rev. Kristin Hutson, drove a Coe van up Friday, Sept. 23, to attend the events hosted Saturday and Sunday.

Linton said students actively participated in the Saturday morning discussion session at the hotel, which focused on increasing African American attendance and retention at Coe.

Current students shared news of the recent diversity and inclusion projects like the International Project and Intercultural Center, Linton said, which have been added in part for this



Current Coe students at the African American Coe College Alumni Reunion banquet dinner Sept. 24. Students enjoyed the chance to talk with alumni about what it's like to be a minority on campus.

Photo courtesy of Steven Shelby.

purpose.

Linton said students asked alumni how they navigated around Coe's predominantly white campus without the diversity resources available at Coe today. Alumni said the Black Self-Educated Organization (BSEO) provided a welcoming environment to collaborate in.

Alumni said other factors included seeking each other out to form groups, and the friendly and helpful professors.

During the banquet dinner Saturday night, Coe College President David McNally and Student Body President Malika Wilson ('17) talked about increasing the diversity

and inclusion at Coe.

African American students from the top St. Louis public high school, Metro High School, were invited and attended the banquet as well.

Linton said hearing the alumni speak was inspiring, since many were presidents and vice presidents of companies completely different from the major they earned at Coe.

"It really shows the value of a liberal arts education," Linton said.

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion, the Committee on Diversity and several other departments on campus help sponsor this biennial event.

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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