

Alumni come to Coe

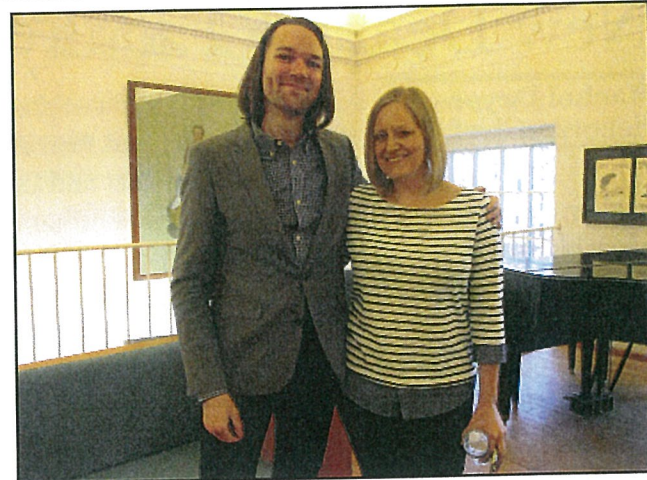
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On March 21, 2016, two alumni came to grace the campus of Coe once again. Liz Nicklos ('05) and Tanner Curl ('07) graduated with English majors, and were back to talk about the opportunities an English major can offer. Nicklos works as a manager of strategic communication at HealthPartners, while Curl spends his days as membership director of the nonprofit organization The Loft Literary Center. The panel was hosted in Perrine Gallery, and after attendees introduced themselves, Nicklos and Curl fielded questions from students and faculty.

When asked what one should do to prepare themselves for the work-

ing world, Nicklos and Curl both highlighted the value of getting involved on campus. "There are so many networking groups that you can join," Curl said. "Say yes as often as possible." Networking is key to advancing in any given career, and college provides a good environment in which to practice such skills. While at Coe, both Nicklos and Curl were involved with many things, one shared interest of theirs being the Cosmos. Nicklos served as editor during her time as student, while Curl worked on the op-ed.

They elaborated further on what Coe in particular can offer. "When you have a liberal arts education, you've probably experienced a bunch of different things," Nicklos stated. Curl said the involvement



*Liz Nicklos ('05) and Tanner Curl ('07) discuss opportunities for English majors.
Photo by Lisa McDonald.*

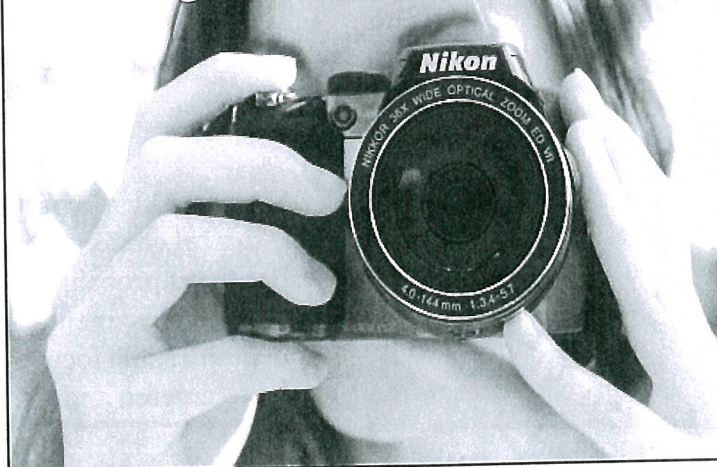
with all the clubs on campus helped him understand the breakdown of an organization, which aided his transition into work at The Loft.

One thing Nicklos and Curl stressed was the importance of separating work and personal spheres. Nicklos noted that even if you find a job where your "values align with the culture," learning

to stop when the clock signals the end of the workday prevents burn-out from occurring.

Before ending the panel, Nicklos and Curl gave a final word of advice to students. "Be ready and open for opportunity," Curl emphasized, while Nicklos noted, "Take risks. You can't regret something you've not done."

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Tuition rises again

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Guest Writer

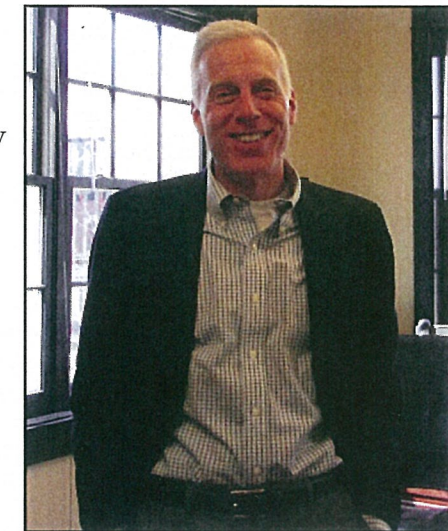
This semester, Coe students received a letter about next year's tuition increase of 4.6 percent. The letter stated the money would be going to things such as utilities, financial aid, and salaries. However, it was unclear from the letter whether the tuition increase would also help fund the Eby and Hickok renovations. Coe College President David McNally took the time to clarify where exactly tuition money will be going.

"Hickok will be the exact same circumstance as Eby: it won't influence the tuition increase in any way," McNally stated. All renovations for both Eby Fieldhouse and Hickok Hall will be funded by outside sources, such as

donations and grants. But if the tuition increase isn't going toward these renovations, what is the money being spent on?

McNally listed three reasons for the tuition increase: general expenses, travel for athletic teams, and payments to outside organizations. By far the largest of Coe's general expenses is financial aid. McNally explained Coe is a "high tuition, high discount" college, meaning the tuition is high, but so is the financial aid given to students. And while Coe's tuition is expensive, it's in the median range compared to other private colleges in the Midwest. "It's not about the price, it's about the amount of financial aid," McNally stressed.

Financial aid isn't the only large expense Coe has. "Coe's largest expense



President McNally discusses what the money from the increased tuition will fund.

Photo by Samantha Tatman.

item is financial aid, but its second largest expense item is salaries for faculty and staff," McNally stated.

Students who need financial aid can seek help via the Financial Aid office, or stop by the Learning Commons on March 28 between 6:00-8:00 p.m. to meet with Financial Aid staff. Questions about the letter can be directed to anyone on the Finance

and Facilities Committee. While students will pay more for tuition, McNally concluded on a positive note: "College, it's one of the biggest investments anyone makes in their lifetime. For me, the key is the quality of the educational experiences in the classroom. The highest quality that you could find anywhere. That's what you're really buying when you're coming to Coe."

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