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Winona State University has proposed a project for a new building on campus to the Minnesota legislator. The proposed project is called Center for Interdisciplinary Collaboration, Engagement and Learning, or CECIL. The new building will replace Gildemeister and Watsons Halls. Both halls have been deemed by university staff outdated and no longer fitting the needs of students and faculty.

CECIL is planned to accommodate the needs of students and faculty to fit their educational needs. CECIL will be the only building of its kind in the Minnstate system. The building will be open to students regardless of their discipline. The building will be open to all students regardless of their discipline.

President of Winona State, Scott Olson, said CECIL is all about student collaboration. The basic idea behind CECIL is that it’s interdisciplinary, collaborative and engaged. The work that goes on there is about how disciplines intersect with each other and influence each other, and that just being in a silo of one thing is probably not the world you will be functioning in the rest of your lives,” Olson said.

The technology within the new building and the innovative approaches are designed to prepare students for their future. “Our students will graduate finding cool intersections between what your main interest is and another interest, so that you leave here ready for the 21st century,” Olson said.

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The new building will be the largest late-night programing activity, but it will complement each other together at the same time,” Micalone said.

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The majority of the first half because they couldn’t establish shooting from the field, only making eight of 25 shots. However, they were able to take the lead because seven of those made shots came from three-pointers.

Junior forward Kevin Taylor led the team in points with 12 and made three-pointers. The Mustangs shot over 40% and outrebounded the Warriors 19-15. The second half began close but the Warriors took the lead seven to seven after a three-point shot made by Taylor. That lead was cut to two seconds later.

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CECIL coming soon? Winona State pushes for new building

Kashubia, the region in Poland from what is home to Winona’s sister city, Bytów, Poland, is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2020.

Because the deep-rooted Polish heritage found in Winona and surrounding areas, the city of Winona decided to celebrate the Kashubian centennial alongside in what is being called the Kashubian Capital Centennial Celebration 2020 (KCC2020). Winona, Minnesota, is considered the Kashubian capital of the world due to the large influx of Poles immigrating into southeastern Minnesota in the 1860’s. The majority of the Poles that settled in what is now known as Winona came from a particular region in Poland known as Kashubia, and are considered the Kashubian Poles.

Kashubian culture is a Polish subculture with its own language, art, food and music and it is this culture that Winona will be celebrating in KCC2020. Lee Gunderson, Winona’s art and culture coordinator and Winona city council member, Michelle Alexander went on to explain that after WWI in the Treaty of Versailles, borders were drawn that forced a large part of Kashubia into Germany instead of Poland, and in some instances, people’s homes were on the border, leaving half of the house in Germany and half in Poland.

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Kryzsko after hours? UPAC to host late-night event

Winona State University has seen in years. George Micalone, director of Student Union, and indirect advisor to UPAC, stated that in the past, there was an attempt to have a late-night programming activity, but it was just not well received.

UPAC in hosting ‘Kryzsko After Dark’, a takeover of Kryzsko Commons that includes indoor ice skating, a Nerf fight, Karaoke, live performances, free Panda Express, DIY crafts, giveaways and more. “Essentially, the idea is to try to get as many activities that complement each other together at the same time,” Micalone said.

Myah Anderson, a junior elementary education major, is the assistant director of UPAC. Anderson said everything is free, and there are going to be many prizes.

“Starting on the first week of the fall semester, we have UPAC events happening every Friday night,” Anderson said. The first event of the season is on October 5th.

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“[Geothermal heating and cooling] use the natural temperature of the earth as a heat source and a heat sink. In the winter, you can extract heat from the earth and use that to heat the building. In the summer, you’re doing the opposite. You’re doing that through very energy-efficient electric heat pumps,” Engstrom said.

CECIL is predicted to lower annual campus energy usage by 3.7 percent assisting in Winona State’s overall sustainability goal to keep campus and the air and water supply as clean as possible.

There may be changes added to CECIL that have not yet been discussed.

“I was part of the committee that was working with the architects for the predesign process. You have to be mindful that there’s always more you can do, even as the design evolves,” Engstrom said.

“We just have a predesign right now. We’re potentially a couple of years from construction, and a lot can change.”

CECIL is predicted to be sustainable to the point that it will pay itself off over the course of a few years.

“After 9 and a half years, all of these investments will have paid for themselves. The building won’t have any energy costs. The future of Winona State and the future of the world is more buildings like this.

“The money that gets saved would be invested in other things that students are telling us that are important to them,” Olson said.

“Money that we’re not spending on energy might be money that we’ll be spending on new counselors, new faculty members, new programs, things that students are saying they desire.”

Winona State has been placed on a list of projects for legislators to decide where the funding will go. “Buildings like that come to our students because we work in St. Paul with the legislature to persuade the governor, the house, and the senate that a project on this campus is a value to students, that it will give them additional labs or classrooms they need to be on the cutting edge of whatever their profession is,” Olson said.

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Representative Pelowski, and Senator Miller have indicated that they intend to support it,” Olson said. “They’ll each introduce a bill, one into the house and one into the senate for those bodies to support it. We already know the governor has supported it, so we’re on the governor’s list.”

CECIL is a project that Engstrom believes will push Winona State further and challenge students to become better versions of themselves both inside and outside the classroom.

“The intention is to really be transformative, transformative to the way education happens on campus,” Engstrom said.

“Transformative to the way buildings are designed and are built on campus, and the way that really translates the way Winona State’s vision for the future is.”

CECIL design plans will begin in fall 2020 and, if approved, is predicted to be built by fall 2024.

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The Kashubian people were unhappy to be considered German, so in the middle of the night they would move the stakes that marked the boundaries further and further until they were where the Poles deemed as fair. “It was a war that was actually fought by boundaries with not one shot fired and they acquiesced, so it's actually, really, kind of an amazing story of cunning” Gundersheimer said.

Eventually, an agreement surrounding the border was reached between Germany and Poland, and the boundaries were reset in 1920, which is why the Kashubians are celebrating the centennial in 2020, even though the country of Poland celebrated their 100th anniversary in 2019.

“That’s the centennial part of it, KCC, the capital part of it is because Winona is the Kashubian capital of America, so when you travel to Kashubia, they know Winona and they know this area because of the great influx of Poles to this region. We came up with the idea to call it the Kashubian Capital Centennial Celebration, or for short KCC2020,” Gundersheimer said.

KCC2020 is a way for citizens of Winona to celebrate the rich Polish heritage that is foundational to the city, provide opportunities for Polish and non-Polish to enjoy.

Other future events will include a Bloedow’s doughnut eating contest, which will allow for individuals to challenge somebody else and take them on head to head in the competition, as well as the major feature event, the Jerry Kocha-festival in May at Levee Park.

“We are looking to engage as much as the community as possible, not only in the fun of it, but also for the volunteering part of it,” Alexander said. “On our website KCC2020.org, there’s a calendar, a list of all the events, when they are happening, what’s happening, and most everything is free, there’s [only some] nominal costs if you want to compete.”

The celebration kicked off on Jan. 6 and the first events of the celebration will take place in and around the community starting early next week.
Professor Abootelabi led a talk entitled "Is Peace Still Possible Between the United States and Iran" at Stark Hall on Wednesday, January 22.

He dismissed the common notion that Iran is a religious dictatorship, stating that their political system is unique and has exponentially grown alongside Iran's social and economic growth. Abootelabi shared that Iran's Human Development Index (HDI) rose nearly 40 percent between 1990 and 2017, a clear indicator of their all-around growth. Iran also sits on 7 percent of the world's mineral resources, like gold and uranium, as well as contains all-around growth.

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And this is the thing about the U.S.-Iran relationship: We talk past each other, not to each other. Iran retaliated with a missile attack on American bases in Iraq on Jan. 3. The idea to set up the discussion on campus was pitched by Dwayne Voegeli, a social studies teacher at Winona Senior High School. Voegeli was motivated by his own students’ questions and interest in the subject and reached out to university faculty about setting up the event.

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"I'm not trying to say Iran's performance is so rosy," Abootelabi said. "[but] when you look at the quality of growth, I think Iran has come a long way." Abootelabi's second major point on how U.S.-Iran relations could be eased was that the United States needs to accept that Iran has legitimate national concerns over its security and developmental issues. This reasoning tied heavily into the recent U.S.-Iran conflict as well as issues dating back to WWI and WWII.

Another point he shared was that "War on Terror- orism" has not been a strategy, but a declared mantra adopted by the United States, and this is another issue that has stoked the fire. The discussion, scheduled to occur from 7 to 8 p.m., continued nearly 45 minutes afterwards as Abootelabi opened up a Q&A to end the night.

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“There’s going to be something to do if you're on your own and want to try to meet people, or something to do if you're coming in a group. Regardless of why you're coming or who you're coming with, give it a try for five minutes.”

- George Micalone, director of Student Union

Expanding Perspectives continues campus theme

In coordination with the University theme of Career Readiness, the Inclusion and Diversity office will put on an event series titled Expanding Perspectives from Feb. 10 to 14. According to the organizers, the goal of the series is to provide an opportunity for students to meet people and engage with those from different walks of life through art, conversation and student activism. At Winona State University, there are goals for each school that focus around a specific aspect the university wants to focus on. For the 2019-20 school year, Winona State wants to focus on Career Readiness, which currently has eight goals called competencies.

These competencies include critical thinking, leadership, collaboration and teamwork, professionalism and career management, oral and written communication, digital technology, global and intercultural fluency and civic engagement. In terms of how the series fits with the theme, DeAnna Goddard, associate director of career services, said it was best suited by the ‘global and intercultural fluency’ competency.

Goddard reflected on the fall implementation of the theme and said she was pleased overall. For me, the competency is about understanding our own culture but also having respectful, open conversations about the uniqueness of other cultures in our communities,” Goddard said.

Goddard also said the best way to accomplish success within the competency is to get immersive, which is part of the aim of the Expanding Perspectives series. Goddard mentioned that an aspect of the Career Readiness theme she enjoyed in the fall was seeing awareness grow and hoped that would continue in the spring.

Speaking more generally about how the theme would continue this spring, Goddard mentioned that the three-week competencies would be in order: leadership, digital technology, oral & written communication and community engagement. Because the theme is always evolving, Goddard said that anyone can create a theme event to better help identify, articulate and advance within the community. She also said that this hopefully would encourage people to host events that provide them with added value in the long-term.

One of the ways Goddard hoped this would be accomplished is the usage of the WSUCareerReady hashtag.

With this, Goddard hopes for a visual account of what WSU students are doing now, as interns, volunteers, etc., to make them sought after when entering the workplace.

“I hope using it will build momentum so employers can see students are competent and ready,” Goddard said.
The University of Winona, like many other schools across the country, has been trying to educate students and faculty about pedestrian safety. As a part of this initiative, the university has elected to cover campus with safety tips for students, according to a spokesperson for the administration.

“IT was presented to us through the administration,” Mercier said. “They noted that this is obviously an idea that is being addressed by many other institutions.”

The idea behind the campaign was to promote safety while crossing crosswalks on busy streets throughout Winona, WSU Student Union Activities and WSU Student Senate have partnered to make the week of Jan. 27-31 “Pedestrian Safety Week.”

The goal of the campaign is to help improve the safety of students when crossing busy crosswalks, according to Jim Gaffigan, the film’s star. Gaffigan, who plays a father figure role in the film, has been active in pedestrian safety efforts such as the “Troop Zero” campaign started, and has been overseeing it as Mercier and her committee have been moving the project along.

“As the leader of the college community, it’s important that we educate students and the larger community about pedestrian safety,” Kirk said.

“IT’s importance in education to look at the different ways we can make students aware of the importance of pedestrian safety, and to do so in a way that’s engaging and interactive,” Kirk added.

In attending, Kirk said he hopes to foster a sense of awareness among students about the importance of pedestrian safety. He also hopes to foster a sense of community among students, which is why he rate it a 3.5 out of 5.

The film’s cast truly makes Troop Zero a film that you have to watch, which is why I rate it a 3.5 out of 5. Whether you’re a father, a kid, or someone who is preparing for the adult world, looking ahead as well as reminiscing on your childhood, the completeness that Gaffigan and Grace are share excellent at provoking emotion. As fun as the film is, it is probably won’t inspire you to watch it more than once.

If you have Amazon Prime, it is definitely worth watching with your children. But if you don’t have anything to do this weekend.

Pedestrian Safety sparks campaign at busy intersections

As Career Readiness continues looking again to the series itself, according to Kirk, relates to career readiness in student life. The series helps people foster conversations of openness about how diversity is not one-size-fits-all.

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Ben Ellgen, President of Student Senate, was able to help get this campaign started, and has been overseeing it as Mercier and her committee have been moving the project along.

“Personally, I have been more involved in the initial steps at the beginning of the fall semester,” Ellgen said. “There is a monthly meeting of individuals from the university and city that has been discussing and pushing forward pedestrian safety efforts such as the “new binkers on Main Street.”

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With 8:18 left the game was tied at 44-44, as the Warriors would gain four more first-place points. The Mustangs would get it down to a point with 3:30 left in regulation. Winona State would then go on a 12-5 run to close out the game. Taylor came up big in the second half, adding 15 points to finish the game with 27.

The second game was against Sioux Falls who lead the south region Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) with a 15-5 record.

Senior guard Caleb Wagner came out firing, hitting a three to begin the game. He scored nine of the first 11 points for the Warriors giving them the early lead. Wagner remained hot as he helped give the Warriors a double-digit lead early in the half. Wagner then went off for a career-high 21 points in the half.

The first half was a slug fest with the Warriors needing a big shot to take the lead. With 43 seconds left, the Warriors would hold a 71-66 lead after Taylor split his free throws.

Despite the seven points by Taylor, the Cougars tied the game. Following, a made three and a missed layup by Taylor led to a fast break bucket for Sioux Falls with three seconds left.

The Warriors would miss shot at the buzzer. In overtime, the Cougars got the tip and hit a pair of free throws to take the lead. Taylor would respond with a three-pointer to take the lead back. The Cougars got a layup to regain the lead and keep it for majority of overtime.

The Warriors got a shot to take the lead back as Wagner's sixth made three-pointer cut the lead to one with seven seconds left.

A quick foul by Martens sent the Cougars to the free throw line where they hit both attempts and pushed the lead to three with six seconds left.

On the Warriors next possession, Wagner would connect on two attempts from free throw line following a foul on a layup attempt. The ensuing possession trailing by one Wagner would intentional-ly foul to send the Cougars back to the free throw line where they would split free throws and take the 87-85 win after not giving the Warriors another possession. Wagner went off for a career-high 47 in the loss, which is tied for second most points in a game in team history. Wagner and Taylor accounted for 73 of the team's 87 points.

"It felt good to start the game hot after struggling the night before to gain confidence back and then continuing to keep it going throughout the game," Wagner said. "Obviously I would have rather won the game then have had a career-performance. The game was a big game and wish we got the W, but it was still a fun game to be a part of and was a game I won't forget."

So, what went wrong for the Warriors in Wagner's breakout performance? "We played 39 solid minutes of defense in regulation and the last minute when we were up five we just had many breakdowns defensively in a row," Wagner said. "Definitely something we will learn from and use to fuel us coming up in the rest of the games."

The Warriors will return home next Friday at 7:30 p.m. to host University of Minnesota-Duluth and will remain in Winona on Sat-urday against Saint Cloud Univer-sity with tip-off at 5:30 p.m.
Women's basketball sweeps traveling weekend

A big part of their game came in the second half as the Warriors shot 11-for-16 in the third quarter, while holding the Mustangs to 23 percent in the fourth quarter.

In Saturday's game against the University of Sioux Falls, the two powerhouses in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) South went down to the wire. The Warriors prevailed over the Cougars in the exciting shootout and snapped St. Cloud's nine-game winning streak.

In the heated battle, the lead was tied or traded a total of 16 times. Hustad tallied 23 points while bringing in six rebounds and Fee put up 19 points on the board as the Warriors topple the Cougars by two points late.

Sophomore forward Sydney Lodermeier put up a solid 15 points while going two for two from downtown.

The difference in the outing was Winona State's ability to get to the free throw line, where the Warriors went 21-26 compared to an 11-15 mark by the home team Sioux Falls.

The rebounding game was clashed at a tie with each team collecting 32, but the Warriors used the board more effectively with nine offensive boards and 17 second-chance points.

Four Cougars scored in double-digits in the games as Sioux Falls shot a blistering 52 percent compared to 46 percent that Winona State put up. However, the Warriors held the edge from beyond the arc, shooting 39 percent, compared to the Cougars' 25 percent effort.

With Winona State winning 78 to 76, the Warriors move to 14-4 (10-4 NSIC).

The Warriors return home next weekend for a pair of games against the NSIC North in Minnesota Duluth and St. Cloud State on Jan. 31-Feb. 1 in Winona.